

## NEWS

### Woman injured when car struck by semi



A Grayling woman was injured Friday when she was trying to make a left turn onto the I-75 Business Loop and her car was struck by a semi. 10A

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### Three men vying for school board

Three candidates are running for two six-year terms on the Crawford AuSable School Board. Incumbent Jim Hulbert, the current school board treasurer whose term is up for re-election, and Richard Febey, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board on Feb. 9, are being challenged by Steven Sendek for their seats on the board. 2A

## SPORTS

### Grayling edges Red Devils 48-45 at East Jordan



Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the East Jordan Red Devils but lost at Roscommon and Harbor Springs last week. On Wednesday, the Vikings won 48-45 at East Jordan. 1B

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### JV team holds off late run by Bucks, wins 45-39



The Roscommon Bucks cut Grayling's double-digit fourth quarter lead to as few as three points during last Monday's JV boys basketball game at Roscommon, but the Vikings held on for a 45-39 victory. 1B

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

AuSable Primary School teachers, at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year, began a reading initiative called "Becoming Fluent With the Flip." Flip Video camcorders are digital cameras capable of making a recording of up to an hour. Above, second grade teacher Jenny Hetfield looks on as student Megan Benson reviews a video of a book she just read in the AuSable Primary School Library.

## Students flip for reading due to digital cameras

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

In the warm, quiet confines of the AuSable Primary School library, second grade teacher Jenny Hetfield looks on as student Megan Benson reads from a book and a tiny camera captures every word and phrase.

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Flip Video camcorders are digital cameras capable of mak-

ing a recording of up to an hour. The camera can be hand held or placed on a tripod. The digital cameras are called Flip Video camcorders because a plug can be flipped out of the body of the camera and plugged directly into a computer or connected to an extension cord for viewing on a computer monitor or television.

At the AuSable Primary School, the teachers have been using the Flip Video cameras to record students working on their reading skills and are branching out to use the cameras in other subject areas.

The students review the

videos with the teachers. The students also grade themselves on whether they read each word of a sentence or just read the phrases. They also grade themselves on if their reading was choppy verses smooth or flat verses expressing the words and phrases they are reading. Finally, the students judge themselves on the proper use of punctuation and are timed for the number of words read per minute.

First grade teacher Jessica Barth said use of the videos puts the students in tune with their reading progress.

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## City of Grayling officials move forward tackling ongoing blighted properties

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling has had varying results lately addressing the clean up of two properties located on the main thoroughfare leading through the community.

Grayling City officials reached an agreement with Roger and Kary Moshier for the final clean up of the Moshier Auto Repair property located at 104 Ogema St. The agreement was negotiated during a session with Community Mediation Services.

For another blight case, the city won the latest battle, but not the final war for the property clean up.

46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen issued a court order in Crawford County District Court on Monday, Feb. 2, allowing city officials to clean up the A.H. Rental and Repair property located at 1386 I-75 Business Loop, which is owned by Gerald and Laurelee Respecki. The Respeckis, however, appealed the case to Crawford County Circuit Court for another round in their fight with city hall.

Last year, the Grayling City Council gave Moshier until June 30 to have the outside of his business, also located off the I-75 Business Loop, cleaned up. City officials also demanded that a building located near Norway Street be razed.

In court pleadings, Moshier said he worked at removing junk cars and filling them with scrap metal taken from the property. He also donated a car for Jaws of Life training for the Grayling Fire Department.

Moshier, who is a Grayling City Council member, said he had to devote time to finding a new director for the Grayling Housing Commission and researching the fire department dispute between the City of Grayling and Grayling Charter Township.

Moshier said that dry weather limited days when he could use a cutting torch to cut scrap metal. Moshier also said he turned away vehicles brought to the auto shop by tow truck drivers for repairs.

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## Weyerhaeuser mill curtails production

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Weyerhaeuser Company announced on Wednesday, Feb. 11, that its iLevel Strand Technology (Oriented Strand Board) mill in Grayling will implement a reduced operating posture, due to weak demand, beginning the first week of March.

The exact number of associates impacted at the facility will be notified within the next two weeks.

"Demand for our product continues to weaken and we have no other alternative at this time but to reduce supply and the costs associated with it," said Ian Faulkner, general manager of the iLevel Strand Technology mill in Grayling. "This will result in the temporary layoff of approximately 20 to 25 of our mill members."

Weyerhaeuser mills in Arcadia, La., Edson, Alberta and Elkin, N.C., will also adopt the same slowdown posture.

Weyerhaeuser is one of North America's largest producers of oriented strand board, with the capacity to produce 3.7 billion square feet a year.

"Our Grayling mill has been manufacturing oriented strand board for nearly 27 years," Faulkner said. "We are a high performance organization. Our success is due to team member ownership and involvement in operating the mill safely and efficiently. We intend to involve our mill membership in the decisions we have to make moving forward."

Weyerhaeuser continues to employ approximately 230 people in Michigan at facilities in Byron Center, Grayling and Lewiston.

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest product companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2008, sales were \$8 billion. It has offices or operations

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Representatives of three affiliated local charities presented AuSable Primary School Principal Barbara Mick with an automated external defibrillator (AED) last week. Pictured (from left to right) are Lions Club members Bob Gingerich and Bob Prause, Principal Mick, Lioness Club member Carla Jean Gingerich and Leo Club member Meghan Wyskiel. "The community was very generous," Carla Jean said.

## Local charities donate defibrillator to AuSable Primary School

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

A trio of affiliated Grayling charity organizations have combined their efforts to make AuSable Primary School (APS) more prepared for medical emergencies with the purchase of a new automated external defibrillator (AED).

AEDs deliver an electric charge to the heart in order to restart the organ in the case of

cardiac arrest or similar heart failure. AEDs require almost no training to use correctly, so they can be used by virtually anyone in an emergency situation.

One of these devices was purchased for the primary school this week by a collaboration of the Grayling Lioness Club, the Grayling Lions Club and the Grayling Leo Club.

In recent years, the Lioness Club has purchased AEDs for both Grayling High School and

Grayling Middle School. These schools were given priority because heart trauma is often associated with athletic events.

Two weeks ago, Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers contacted the Lioness Club to let them know that there is a second grade student at AuSable Primary School who has a dangerous heart condition.

Although the club did not

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Staff Writer

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Incumbent Jim Hulbert, the current school board treasurer whose term is up for re-election, and Richard Febey, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board on Feb. 9, are being challenged by Steven Sendek for their seats on the board.

Febey was appointed to fill a vacancy created on the school board when Dr. Douglas Slater stepped down from his board trustee seat in December. Slater was appointed to serve as medical director of the AuSable Free Clinic, which provides quality health care to the needy and uninsured in the region. Slater's unexpired term on the school board runs through June 30.

Sendek and Karl Schreiner, the former

Grayling Police chief who previously served eight years on the school board, were the other two applicants for Slater's open seat when Febey was selected for the position by fellow school board members.

The annual school election will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Hulbert is a social worker specializing in youth and family cases handled by Community Mental Health and Department of Human Services agencies in the region. Hulbert, who lives in Frederic, is finishing his first four-year term on the school board.

Febey was a self employed physical therapist in Grayling who recently retired and wants to devote more time to the community. His wife, Barbara Febey, is a mathematics teacher at Grayling High School.

Febey was defeated by current Crawford AuSable School Board Trustee Sandra Enos in last year's

election.

Sendek is a fisheries biologist based out of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Grayling field office. Sendek has two sons who have graduated from Grayling High School, and one who is still enrolled in school, and also wants to volunteer more time serving the community.

Voters will also be asked to approve a renewal of the district's non-homestead operating millage at the polls. The tax levy, which is for 18 mills, is collected from business owners and the owners of secondary homes and cabins located in the school district. The tax does not impact homes used as primary residences.

The millage generates \$5.2 million annually, which is about 33 percent of the school district's \$16 million budget. The non-homestead tax would be collected from 2010 to 2012.

"On our May election ballot, the state requires us to ask our voters to renew the non-homestead millage rate which is not a tax increase, it's just a continuation of funding for our schools," Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said. "It represents over \$5 million, which is critical for our schools to stay operating."

Last week, the school board voted to hold its school elections on odd numbered election years instead of being held every May. The term for board members was changed from a four-year term to a six-year term.

The switch will allow the school district to share election costs with Kirtland Community College and Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD), who already operate on an odd-year election cycle with six-year terms.

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## Warm weather stops winter tourism in its tracks

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Although last week's warm weather was a welcome relief for many Crawford County residents who needed a break from the winter blues, the heat wave only managed to freeze an already hurting tourist industry.

The combination of toasty weather and rain decimated most of the area's snowmobile trails, cross country loops and downhill slopes. Hanson Hills was closed for

President's Day weekend.

Although the typical winter cold resumed by Saturday, a great deal of damage had already been done.

Keith Miles is the owner of Fay's Motel and also works on grooming the county's snowmobile trail system. Not surprisingly, he reported last week that the trails were in rough shape.

"We've still got some base left, but it's a block of ice," Miles said.

He does not recommend attempting to ride the trails unless there is a solid layer of snow over the icy base.

"We have snowmobilers here, but they're riding off trail," Miles said.

According to Grayling Visitor's Bureau director Ilene Geiss-Wilson, the big thaw was bad news for businesses that were hoping for a few more weeks of winter tourist dollars.

"You can never count on the weather," Wilson said.

She added that this will spell the end of the winter sports season if Crawford County doesn't get a lot of new snow quickly.

"The further into March we get, the less people are interested in snowmobiling and skiing," Wilson said.

Miles asserted that any recovery would have to happen before the end of the month.

"Historically, once you get into March, it doesn't matter how much snow we've got on the ground," he said.

Although the week-long heat wave appears to have passed, minor snowfall over the past few days has had a fairly limited impact on trail systems. Forecasters predict some light snowfall over the next few days, but there are no major snowstorms expected before the end of the week.

The thaw was even more widespread in lower Michigan, which might have some potential tourists convinced that trails and slopes throughout the state are completely ruined.

The turn in weather was a harsh blow to tourism driven businesses who were already experiencing a slow season, despite nearly

three months of good conditions.

"Financially, the early season wasn't that great," Geiss-Wilson said.

Although the snowy weather helped, Wilson said that the slow economy was the overriding factor for tourists this year. Miles said that business at his hotel is down more than 40 percent from this time three years ago.

Miles and Wilson believe that a limited recovery is possible if Crawford County sees major snowfall immediately. People who cancelled President's Day vacation plans on account of poor snow conditions might be willing to reschedule for the end of the month.

"It wouldn't take much snow for them to get back up," Wilson said.

If not, tourism driven businesses will simply have to hold out until the summer rush.

"We groomed more this year than we have any previous years, but mother nature sometimes has a way of taking a wicked turn," Miles said.

## Local charities donate defibrillator

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immediately have the funds to purchase another \$1,675 AED, they moved quickly to secure the essential medical device.

They contacted their affiliated group, the Grayling Lions Club, to help with the purchase. The Lions agreed to help out, but due to other ongoing charity projects, the organizations were still slightly short of funds.

"We have just been buying glasses for people left and right," Lions Club member Bob Prause said.

They decided to apply for a \$500 donation towards the AED from the club's district headquarters. The donation was approved.

Lastly, the Grayling Leo Club got involved. The Leo Club is an affiliate of the Lions Club designed specifically for youth. Within a matter of days, they contributed another \$150 to the project.

"We do can drives and food drives and stuff like that," said Meghan Wyskiel, who is a senior at Grayling High School and a member

of the local Leo Club.

Within a week of learning that the primary school had a need for the device, representatives from all three clubs presented APS Principal Barbara Mick with a brand new AED.

"It does our heart good to just feel safer," Mick said.

Although the purchase was made with a particular student in mind, the device increases the school's overall preparedness for medical emergencies.

"It's going to benefit anybody that walks through this door," Prause said.

Mick agreed that the new AED makes the school a safer place for everyone.

"We have a lot of events that occur here. Our building is just in constant use," she said.

## Weyerhaeuser mill curtains production

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## Local woman has a lot of heart



So far, Kay Gardiner has proven to be the top seller of pink and red dedication hearts at Charlie's Country Corner during the "Have A Heart" campaign. Funds from the campaign benefit the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. According to her co-workers, she alone has sold over 500 of the more than 800 hearts that adorn the walls of the store. The campaign continues until Feb. 28 at locations throughout Grayling.

## Demand for Angel Food program has skyrocketed

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

For slightly over a year, volunteers from the Grayling Free Methodist Church have spearheaded a program to provide local families with affordable meals. According to site director Janet Gildner, demand for the program has increased exponentially since its inception.

Angel Food Ministries is a nonprofit organization which aims to provide financial relief through grocery support. The organization was founded in 1994 in Georgia and now has relief centers operating throughout the United States.

Once a month, the organization provides families and individuals with \$60 worth of food for \$30. The menu changes each month and is

somewhat customizable through the purchase of "specialty boxes." One box of food is expected to feed a family of four for at least a week.

Gildner opened the Grayling branch of the ministry about a year ago. In Feb. 2008, the local organization took 33 food orders.

"We're almost up to 200 orders a month," Gildner said.

Although the recession is most likely a factor in the increased demand for the Angel Food program, Gildner believes that increasing awareness of the ministry's presence is the primary cause.

In fact, some local agencies are now referring Crawford County residents to the program.

However, Gildner said she has seen some new peo-

ple taking advantage of the program specifically because of tough times.

"At Christmas time, (the community) went through a little bit of a low there," she said.

Since local volunteers receive all of the food from their parent organization, there is no real risk of running out of supplies with the increased demand. This means there will always be plenty of food available for local individuals and families.

Best of all, Gildner says the selection is always improving.

"It seems to be a lot better every month," she said.

It is not necessary to fill out forms or provide any kind of documentation to apply for this service. Nobody is disqualified from purchasing food through

Angel Food Ministries.

Although Gildner says that there are plenty of volunteers, there is always room for more help.

"If the high school kids wanted to volunteer, they could do it for graduation credit," she said.

She said there's plenty of fun to be had for those who help out.

"It's just a very enjoyable and exciting thing to do ... and it's never the same," Gildner said.

For more information on volunteering or ordering food, call 989-390-3397 or visit [www.gfmcangel.com](http://www.gfmcangel.com).

"I look forward to it. I've enjoyed it ... I usually carry menus in my purse," Gildner said.

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## City sets zoning public hearing

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council will receive final input on a proposed zoning ordinance next Monday.

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, to answer any questions and take input on the city's new zoning ordinance.

The City of Grayling's last zoning ordinance was updated in May 2001.

The new zoning ordinance expands the city's zoning districts from six to 12 classifications.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that a central business district was created to cover downtown

businesses, to preserve the character of the district and to avoid overburdening property owners with regulations that apply to other commercial businesses outside the downtown area.

City officials have also changed a multiple-family housing district in the central part of the community to a single-housing district in an attempt to improve the housing stock in Grayling.

Finally, a medical offices designation was created for property located on Michigan Avenue and North Down River Road, to create more opportunities for new medical and dental services. Thayer said the city hopes to be a one-stop shop for medical services

in association with Mercy Hospital Grayling, where a patient can schedule multiple appointments in one day.

"The best jobs we are going to get is in the medical community," Thayer said.

Thayer said the zoning ordinance is clear, concise and user friendly for homeowners and contractors.

"It eliminates any of the guessing games," Thayer said.

The zoning ordinance will go into effect 10 days after the public hearing if approved by the city council.

"The key thing is having the zoning in place before the building season starts," Thayer said.

## Man killed in single car crash

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A 49-year-old Grayling man lost his life in a one-car accident on Friday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies were informed of the single vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of M-18 and F-97 in South Branch Township around 8:04 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered that a 2008 Dodge Nitro had missed the corner, rolled over and landed in the ditch.

The driver, Mark Douglas Stevenson of Grayling, was alone in the vehicle. Stevenson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Stevenson was a part-time Grayling resident who commuted to his workplace in Davisburg.

Alcohol is not believed to

be a factor in the accident. Stevenson was not wearing a seat belt, Wakefield said.

Deputies were assisted by South Branch Township Fire and EMS and the Frederic Township EMS.

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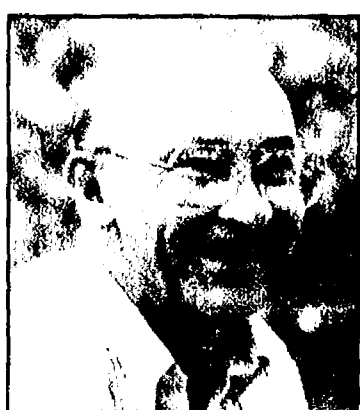
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## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Rep. John D. Dingell earns longevity honors

MICHIGAN'S OWN U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell has been amassing honors and praises from many quarters in recent days, and he deserves them all.

The United States Congress even took a break from whatever business it was conducting to honor the Michigan lawmaker.

Mr. Dingell has earned the break. He has been a member of the United States House of Representatives longer than anyone else in the history of the country.

Mr. Dingell won a special election over 50 years ago to succeed his father, U.S. Rep. John T. Dingell, who died in office.

The younger John Dingell was sworn into office on Dec. 13, 1955, and has been there ever since.

That adds up to more than 53 years, and more than 19,000 days, and that's a

longevity record in the U.S. House which probably will never be equaled.

LIVING LONG is one thing, but as a member of Congress, Mr. Dingell has been extremely active all those years, and very effective, too.

For many of those 53 years, he has been either chair or ranking minority member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in that role his fingerprints are all over existing laws on health care, the auto industry, and, well, almost everything else affecting energy and commerce in this country.

This year, in an unusual in-house challenge to the accepted rule of seniority, he lost a battle to retain chairmanship of that committee, losing in a power struggle to Rep. Henry Waxman of

California. As a consolation, Mr. Dingell was made Chairman Emeritus of the committee, whatever that may mean.

John D. Dingell has had a relatively easy time being elected every two years, just as his predecessor father did. Each had a few close calls, however.

The younger John Dingell survived a spirited race in 2002 when a Republican orchestrated reapportionment of congressional seats combined large elements of two districts held by Democratic incumbents, John Dingell of Dearborn and Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor, into the same district. Partisan reapportioners do things like that.

In the end, Mr. Dingell won, but it was a tough, spirited contest.

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than the 53 year record of Rep. John D. Dingell is the total impact on congressional history delivered by the Dingell family.

The current congressman's father, John T. Dingell, was first elected to Congress in 1932, the same year Franklin D. Roosevelt was first elected to the White House.

John T. Dingell was a fresh face at that time, as a New Deal Democrat, partly riding on FDR's coattails, which happened in many congressional districts around the country as Democrats took complete charge in Washington.

Rep. John T. Dingell became a fixture in Congress until his death 23 years later.

This family history means that together, John Dingell, father and son, have represented that Michigan district

in the United States congress continuously for more than 75 years, or about one-third of the life of this nation.

The younger Mr. Dingell was born in 1926, and was 29 when first elected. At that age, his experience was quite limited: brief hitch in the Army, undergraduate degree from Georgetown at 23, law degree also from Georgetown at 26, two years on the Wayne County prosecutor's staff, and then winner of a special election to succeed his father.

Obviously he has learned on the job, and learned well.

AT THE OFFICIAL observance of his longevity record in the House, Mr. Dingell offered these comments to his colleagues:

"I tell you, with the confidence of one who has lived much of our history, who

has been through the Great Depression and more recessions than I can recall, as one who remembers Pearl Harbor and 9/11, I tell you I have unbroken confidence in the future of this country."

"... I am too old to be naïve and too experienced to dismiss lightly the tasks ahead. But as I stand here today, I am certain our nation will do better, we will cure our ills, and the future will once again be bright."

John Dingell probably will be around in Congress to express his views and offer his ideas as long as he wants to keep the job.

As successor to his father, for him, Congress has been the family business.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## Letters to the Editor

### I wish I had known Irving McIsaac

To the editor:

I did not know Irving personally, but after reading about his life and accomplishments in the Avalanche, I wish I had had the pleasure.

Although, I do feel a bit closer to him after noting something we had in common. He got married in 1952, as I did, and after 53 years of each being married to our one and only true love, we both lost our wives in 2005.

The story in the Avalanche mentions Irving as one of the four founders of the Grayling Youth Booster Club in 1970 and how he was a tireless work-

er on behalf of the club. Can you just imagine how many young people he helped with support and aid from the Booster Club over the 38 years he was involved.

But, perhaps he is best remembered by all of the smiles, with his unlimited repertoire of jokes and his quick wit, that he brought to so many people in his 20 years at Grayling Mercy Hospital. After retiring from the railroad, he volunteered at the hospital. His time spent there working with people so impressed the hospital management that they created a paid position for him.

There is even more to him

than was in the newspaper article. Besides the hospital work and his activities with the Booster Club and the Grayling Rotary Club, he was an active member at St. Mary Church of Grayling, a member of the Grayling Knights of Columbus and another charity organization, the Men's Group (a nonprofit, non-denominational charity).

This man truly made a difference. If for nothing else, his tireless work on behalf on the Booster Club most assuredly got him a one-way, non-stop, first-class, VIP ticket to heaven.

Harry Wojcik  
Grayling

### Don't downgrade breed because of their name

To the editor:

Well, this is in regards to the pit bull dogs. There is one major thing that all people need to understand. Any kind of dog can be trained to be over aggressive, bite and protect. Everything from a poodle up to a great dane.

Those pit bulls did bark at the man and they did come one on each side. But they did not attack. They were just doing what they were trained to do.

Yes, there have been attacks on small children involving a lot of different breeds. Pit bull breeds and

rottweiler breeds are more to blame than any other breed.

But I have seen The Dog Whisperer take a small little ankle biter dog that was aggressive and change their attitude real quick.

Please do not downgrade these breeds just because of their breed name. Down the owners for the way they raised and trained the breeds.

Everyone needs to more research before making any hasty decisions. It's all in the training.

April M. Graham  
Frederic

## What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com).

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

**Ash wrote on Jan. 26 (regarding pit bull issue):** "Pit bulls are not naturally aggressive dogs. They can be (like any other animal) aggressive if provoked or trained to be aggressive. The fact is, the guy shook a stick and sprayed them with water, but did the man receive any injuries? No, and believe me, if a pit bull were aggressive, the man would have sustained some type of threatening injury regardless if he used the bike for 'protection.' Every animal wants to escape if being kept in square corners. Dogs are masterminds. If there is to be charges for a crime, it would be the owner's crime for not having proper security for the dogs. As stated, they received numerous fines and have reconstructed the kennel to see fit. Also, they are seeking training for the dogs.

Isn't that enough? This is a waste of time. It saddens me when I see a headline with the words 'pit bull' and 'euthanize' together. They have such a bad rap because of irresponsible owners, and they're the first to be blamed. I don't know the owners, but my heart truly goes out to them."

**Bill wrote on Feb. 6 (regarding theme park):** "Waiting for someone to 'bring you a project' is like waiting for someone to hand you a winning lottery ticket... it ain't gonna happen. A good place to start would be a citizen's forum where representatives from higher education, local and outsource manufacturers, city, county and state government would all be invited to contribute their ideas either in person or electronically. The biggest hurdle to overcome is not a job creation but apathy, which is the result of a long slide downwards that only appears 'unstoppable.' The old ideas (like a theme park too far from major cities to survive) have not kept pace with change and have failed - it's time for new and better thinking, which means shaking off the 'lottery ticket' mentality, rolling up your sleeves and pitching in. EVERYONE can and should participate, for their own good and the sake of their community."

**JC wrote on Feb. 9 (regarding pit bull issue):** "They didn't bite... And wasn't this guy yelling at them? I know that if some strange person were yelling at me, I would get defensive. It is true that some people raise this breed of dog for fighting. If these particular dogs were raised to be violent, wouldn't the shelter and the professional dog trainers be OBVIOUSLY aware of this? Yes, they would. In fact, the dogs would probably already have been given the needle. I learned at a very young age, and have taught my children, and most people I know

were taught the same: If you're walking/riding a bike/jogging, and you see a strange dog you don't know, what should you do? Should you show fear? NO! That's the first thing I ever learned about dogs. If you show fear, they will see it, and they aren't human. They sense fear and get scared themselves. Even the most domestic and well-trained dog could become defensive in this situation."

**Tom wrote on Feb. 13 (regarding theme park):** "For all you that kept saying no, no, no, are any of you actively pitching all that so-called land that is for sale to a business that can meet your expectations? Or are you all going to just sit around and shoot down every prospect that comes along just so you can keep everything pristine? If you want the town to die, then congratulations, you're headed in the right direction."

**Woody wrote on Feb. 14 (regarding road issues):** "Why do the secondary roads get no maintenance? The citizens who pay taxes live on these roads and you would think the lawmakers would want to make the people happy. These citizens elected them into these jobs."

**Derek wrote on Feb. 15 (regarding theme park):** "An aircraft carrier in the middle of a forest, plastic palm trees, Christmas in July (when most people are glad it's over on Dec. 26), these 'themes' are the only thing that can save Grayling? Not to be forgotten that theme parks are closing in the south, where it doesn't snow in April or May, makes it hard to believe it would have stayed open even if they built it. Plus, downstaters are closer to Cedar Point, which is a very fun park, unlike that aircraft carrier or Santa Claus in July."

**Bettie wrote on Feb. 16 (regarding road issues):** "Our roads need to be fixed. How

about North Down River Road and Roberts Road? I think road repair at this time should be more important than borrowing \$3 million to renovate the courthouse building, to find a new home for the Health Department and build a new Senior Center (which I think is the more important of the three). Granted, that would be nice, but at this time, not. How about making do with what we have, the citizens of Grayling have to. Borrowing money at this time is not a good thing since it means taxes will have to be raised to pay for it. And MOST of us are struggling as it is. How about concentrating on getting some grants to get the roads fixed?"

**Sara wrote on Feb. 17 (regarding theme park):** "Do people think that this park would have brought jobs to Grayling? Well, they think wrong! The theme park people would (have) brought in their own professionals. Sure, we would have got some more part-time, minimum wage jobs. But the big, good jobs, would have gone to people transferred in! Thank God this didn't go through! And I'm here from Grayling, not downstate! We want the town to come to life again, then let's stop spending millions of dollars on 'beautification' projects! Wow, that really did the town some good... look at the line of tourists coming to see our great sidewalks and street lamps! How about lowering the taxes downtown so some business could actually stay in business! Maybe if the taxes got lowered, the prices in the downtown stores could get lowered and then more people could afford to shop in Grayling. Maybe we could get some business in all those empty buildings downtown? No, I have a better idea, let's plant some more trees downtown and hang up some more lights and then I just know people will come to Grayling!"

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# Briefs

## Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Grayling Mercy Hospital, 1100 Michigan Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and is sponsored by the Grayling Mercy Hospital. For more information, contact Diane Hagle at 989-348-0352.

## COA to take bus trip to Kirtland

The COA will be taking a bus trip on Feb. 25 to the Kirtland Community College School of Cosmetology for a morning of beauty treatments. The bus will leave the senior center, 308 Lawndale St., at 8:45 a.m. Special group rates will be offered on haircuts, manicures and other select services. The price for the trip is \$10, which includes transportation and beauty treatments. Transportation will be provided by The Resurrection Life Church. For more information or to register, call Debra Looney at 348-7123.

## Church to hold annual Shrove supper

St. Francis Episcopal Church, will hold their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A free will donation will be collected at the door as an outreach offering to local groups working with the physically or emotionally challenged. The church is located next to the Grayling Township Offices at 6441 M-72 West.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Swampers recruiting new vintage baseball players

The Hartwick Pines Swampers – a vintage baseball team that plays and interprets baseball as it was played in the mid-1800s is recruiting new players for the 2009 vintage baseball season. On Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., there will be an informational meeting at Hartwick Pines for anyone interested in coming out to play this year. Find out about the 1860 rules that the Swampers play by, see the equipment and uniforms used and have any questions that you may have. get answered by club manager Rob "Iceblock" Burg and some of the other veteran Swampers.

Baseball has been America's "National Pastime" for more than 150 years and that includes the Grayling area. The "Swampers" have been playing at Hartwick Pines for four years representing a local team made up of area loggers. Local baseball games between teams from Grayling, Frederic, Otsego Lake, Maple Forest and Kalkaska were well documented in the pages of the Crawford Avalanche in the late 1800s. It was a popular activity at community picnics, holiday celebrations

and other events.

The Swampers will be playing teams from Petoskey, Northville, Ludington and the Irish Hills in 2009. There will also be exhibition matches where the public can try playing ball by the 1860 rules.

This was a time when there were no gloves, no spitting, no sliding, catching the ball on one bounce and all-round gentlemanly play. Anyone who is interested in playing or cheering on the Swampers is welcome to come out on Feb. 26 to the meeting at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park. Free refreshments will be served. For more information on the Swampers, please visit the new Web site at [www.michigan.gov/swampersbaseball](http://www.michigan.gov/swampersbaseball) or call Rob Burg at 989-348-2537 or email [burg@michigan.gov](mailto:burg@michigan.gov).

The Hartwick Pines Swampers are sponsored by the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, part of the Michigan Historical Museum system. For more information on the Logging Museum and its programs, please visit [www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum](http://www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum).

## Venue changed for volleyball tournament

Registration is still open for two upcoming four-on-four volleyball tournaments. The women's tournament, which was originally slated for March 7 at Grayling Middle School, has been changed to Feb. 28 at Grayling High School.

The tournaments, both of which start at 9 a.m., are for men and women (ages 16 and up). A parent-signed waiver is required for players that are 16 or 17.

The men's tournament will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Grayling High School.

Teams must register by Feb. 25. Registration forms for both tournaments are available at Grayling High School.

The cost to participate in either one of the tournaments is \$15 per person. Teams can pay their fee on the day of the tournament.

Registration for each tournament is limited to the first 12 teams.

For more information, contact Jessica Szymoniak via e-mail at [jszymoniak@casdk12.net](mailto:jszymoniak@casdk12.net) with the subject "Volleyball Tournament."

## Grant money available

March 30 is the grant deadline for applications to the North Central Michigan Community Foundation Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for the March 2009 grant cycle.

Applications are available on the Community Foundation Web site at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org) or by calling NCMCF at 877-354-6881. Applications may be

submitted online or mailed to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for projects and programs that benefit youth under the age of 18 in Crawford County. \$300 mini-grants are also available.

## Girl Scouts will tickle taste buds with annual cookie sale

Shovel your front door step and make sure your doorbell is working because Girl Scouts are ready to pay you a visit.

The Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore encourages girls and the public to make informed decisions about the food items they consume. As with any dessert, Girl Scout cookies are not marketed as a dietary staple, but as a special treat that should be enjoyed in moderation. Since these treats are only available for a short time each year, we encourage you to stock up as they freeze great and can be saved and savored throughout the year.

This will mark the first time that the newly-merged council will embark on a 30 county cookie program. In August 2008, four councils in Northwestern Michigan formed one organization, as part of the national realignment designed by Girl Scouts of the USA.

Girl Scout Cookies are a special treat that only comes once each year and provides funds crucial to providing leadership and development programs for girls in kindergarten through high school seniors. The Girl Scout cookie program helps young women learn and practice life skills, such as planning, goal setting, decision making and customer relations. The proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookies will remain in the communities where cookies are sold, with revenue divided between the girls, troops and the council.

As always, there are delicious varieties to choose from: Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Sugar-free Chocolate Chips, Lemon Chalet Crème and new Dulce de Leche.

Dulce de Leche – literally means "candy of milk" – a yummy kind of caramel. Inspired by the classic confect of Latin America, these brand new cookies are rich with milk caramel chips and stripes.

With the peanut butter scare nationwide, cookie customers will be relieved to know that neither of the two licensed bakers affiliated with Girl Scout cookies source their peanut butter from the supplier involved in the current warnings.

All Girl Scout cookie varieties are baked using

recipes that meet the standard of "zero grams of trans fat per serving" with the same great taste.

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Another concern for our country is the dramatic increase in commodity costs. Escalating oil and grain costs have significantly affected our daily lives and our Girl Scout cookie sale. In response to this economic challenge, Girl Scouts of the USA agreed to a weight reduction in the three main flavors produced by both cookie bakers. Effective for the 2009 cookie program, the Girl Scouts of the USA approved a one-ounce reduction in the weight of Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, and Trefoils and a .5 ounce reduction in Tagalongs and Samoas.

"We are hoping that despite the economic challenges our country is facing, people will still support Girl Scouting through our Girl Scout Cookie Program," said Karen Micklatcher, the CEO for the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. "Girl Scout cookies are much more than a product, they are a program that prepares young girls to become successful business women. For only \$3.50 per box, no other treat can make such a difference."

To order Girl Scout cookies, contact Grayling area Girl Scout troops, contact 1-866-566-7434 or check out the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore web site at [www.gsmists.org](http://www.gsmists.org).

## Raffle Winners

**Grayling Youth Booster Club**

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 15 of \$25 each: George Klee, Pat Papendick and Sally Golinick.

**Grayling Lions Club**

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Feb. 13 was Shelley Norman.

**Chili Cook-Off**

The Grayling American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the Chili Cook-Off, held at Hanson Hills on Feb. 8. The winners of \$25 gift certificates were William Kaltz to the Ramada Inn, Brian Aimesbury to Dawson Stevens Classic Diner, Katie Todd to Hanson Hills, Don Denton to the Grayling Commission on Aging and Ed Clay to the Silver Dollar Bar. The winner of the

50/50 raffle was M. Bidwell for \$53.50.

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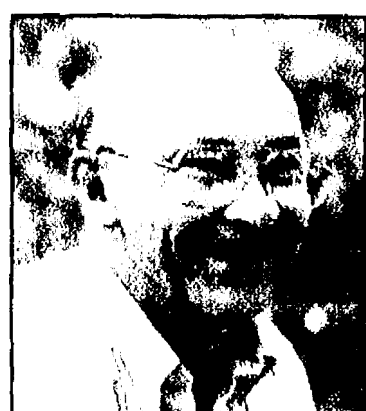
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## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Rep. John D. Dingell earns longevity honors



MICHIGAN'S OWN U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell has been amassing honors and praises from many quarters in recent days, and he deserves them all.

The United States Congress even took a break from whatever business it was conducting to honor the Michigan lawmaker.

Mr. Dingell has earned the break. He has been a member of the United States House of Representatives longer than anyone else in the history of the country.

Mr. Dingell won a special election over 50 years ago to succeed his father, U.S. Rep. John T. Dingell, who died in office.

The younger John Dingell was sworn into office on Dec. 13, 1955, and has been there ever since.

That adds up to more than 53 years, and more than 19,000 days, and that's a

longevity record in the US House which probably will never be equaled.

LIVING LONG is one thing, but as a member of Congress, Mr. Dingell has been extremely active all those years, and very effective, too.

For many of those 53 years, he has been either chair or ranking minority member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in that role his fingerprints are all over existing laws on health care, the auto industry, and, well, almost everything else affecting energy and commerce in this country.

This year, in an unusual in-house challenge to the accepted rule of seniority, he lost a battle to retain chairmanship of that committee, losing in a power struggle to Rep. Henry Waxman of

California. As a consolation, Mr. Dingell was made Chairman Emeritus of the committee, whatever that may mean.

John D. Dingell has had a relatively easy time being elected every two years, just as his predecessor father did. Each had a few close calls, however.

The younger John Dingell survived a spirited race in 2002 when a Republican orchestrated reapportionment of congressional seats combined large elements of two districts held by Democratic incumbents, John Dingell of Dearborn and Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor, into the same district.

In the end, Mr. Dingell won, but it was a tough, spirited contest.

EVEN MORE amazing

than the 53 year record of Rep. John D. Dingell is the total impact on congressional history delivered by the Dingell family.

The current congressman's father, John T. Dingell, was first elected to Congress in 1932, the same year Franklin D. Roosevelt was first elected to the White House.

John T. Dingell was a fresh face at that time, as a New Deal Democrat, partly riding on FDR's coattails, which happened in many congressional districts around the country as Democrats took complete charge in Washington.

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This family history means that together, John Dingell, father and son, have represented that Michigan district

in the United States congress continuously for more than 75 years, or about one-third of the life of this nation.

The younger Mr. Dingell was born in 1926, and was 29 when first elected. At that age, his experience was quite limited: brief hitch in the Army, undergraduate degree from Georgetown at 23, law degree also from Georgetown at 26, two years on the Wayne County prosecutor's staff, and then winner of a special election to succeed his father.

Obviously he has learned on the job, and learned well.

AT THE OFFICIAL observance of his longevity record in the House, Mr. Dingell offered these comments to his colleagues:

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"... I am too old to be naïve and too experienced to dismiss lightly the tasks ahead. But as I stand here today, I am certain our nation will do better, we will cure our ills, and the future will once again be bright."

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## Letters to the Editor

### I wish I had known Irving McIsaac

To the editor:

I did not know Irving personally, but after reading about his life and accomplishments in the Avalanche, I wish I had had the pleasure.

Although, I do feel a bit closer to him after noting something we had in common. He got married in 1952, as I did, and after 53 years of each being married to our one and only true love, we both lost our wives in 2005.

The story in the Avalanche mentions Irving as one of the four founders of the Grayling Youth Booster Club in 1970 and how he was a tireless work-

er on behalf of the club. Can you just imagine how many young people he helped with support and aid from the Booster Club over the 38 years he was involved.

But, perhaps he is best remembered by all of the smiles, with his unlimited repertoire of jokes and his quick wit, that he brought to so many people in his 20 years at Grayling Mercy Hospital. After retiring from the railroad, he volunteered at the hospital. His time spent there working with people so impressed the hospital management that they created a paid position for him.

There is even more to him

than was in the newspaper article. Besides the hospital work and his activities with the Booster Club and the Grayling Rotary Club, he was an active member at St. Mary Church of Grayling, a member of the Grayling Knights of Columbus and another charity organization, the Men's Group (a nonprofit, non-denominational charity).

This man truly made a difference. If for nothing else, his tireless work on behalf of the Booster Club most assuredly got him a one-way, non-stop, first-class, VIP ticket to heaven.

Harry Wojcik  
Grayling

### Don't downgrade breed because of their name

To the editor:

Well, this is in regards to the pit bull dogs. There is one major thing that all people need to understand. Any kind of dog can be trained to be over aggressive, bite and protect. Everything from a poodle up to a great dane.

Those pit bulls did bark at the man and they did come one on each side. But they did not attack. They were just doing what they were trained to do.

Yes, there have been attacks on small children involving a lot of different breeds. Pit bull breeds and

rottweiler breeds are more to blame than any other breed.

But I have seen The Dog Whisperer take a small little ankle biter dog that was aggressive and change their attitude real quick.

Please do not downgrade these breeds just because of their breed name. Down the owners for the way they raised and trained the breeds.

Everyone needs to more research before making any hasty decisions. It's all in the training.

April M. Graham  
Frederic

## What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com).

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

**Ash wrote on Jan. 26 (regarding pit bull issue):** "Pit bulls are not naturally aggressive dogs. They can be (like any other animal) aggressive if provoked or trained to be aggressive. The fact is, the guy shook a stick and sprayed them with water, but did the man receive any injuries? No, and believe me, if a pit bull were aggressive, the man would have sustained some type of threatening injury regardless if he used the bike for 'protection.' Every animal wants to escape if being kept in square corners. Dogs are masterminds. If there is to be charges for a crime, it would be the owner's crime for not having proper security for the dogs. As stated, they received numerous fines and have reconstructed the kennel to see fit. Also, they are seeking training for the dogs.

Isn't that enough? This is a waste of time. It saddens me when I see a headline with the words 'pit bull' and 'enthusiasm' together. They have such a bad rap because of irresponsible owners, and they're the first to be blamed. I don't know the owners, but my heart truly goes out to (them)."

**Bill wrote on Feb. 6 (regarding theme park):** "Waiting for someone to 'bring you a project' is like waiting for someone to hand you a winning lottery ticket... it ain't gonna happen. A good place to start would be a citizen's forum where representatives from higher education, local and outsourced manufacturers, city, county and state government would all be invited to contribute their ideas either in person or electronically. The biggest hurdle to overcome is not a job creation but apathy, which is the result of a long slide downwards that only appears 'unstoppable.' The old ideas (like a theme park too far from major cities to survive) have not kept pace with change and have failed - it's time for new and better thinking, which means shaking off the 'lottery ticket' mentality, rolling up your sleeves and pitching in. EVERYONE can and should participate, for their own good and the sake of their community."

**JC wrote on Feb. 9 (regarding pit bull issue):** "They didn't bite... And wasn't this guy yelling at them? I know that if some strange person were yelling at me, I would get defensive. It is true that some people raise this breed of dog for fighting. If these particular dogs were raised to be violent, wouldn't the shelter and the professional dog trainers be OBVIOUSLY aware of this? Yes, they would. In fact, the dogs would probably already have been given the needle. I learned at a very young age, and have taught my children, and most people I know

were taught the same: If you're walking/riding a bike/jogging, and you see a strange dog you don't know, what should you do? Should you show fear? NO! That's the first thing I ever learned about dogs. If you show fear, they will see it, and they aren't human. They sense fear and get scared themselves. Even the most domestic and well-trained dog could become defensive in this situation."

**Tom wrote on Feb. 13 (regarding theme park):** "For all you that kept saying no, no, no, are any of you actively pitching all that so-called land that is for sale to a business that can meet your expectations? Or are you all going to just sit around and shoot down every prospect that comes along just so you can keep everything pristine? If you want the town to die, then congratulations, you're headed in the right direction."

**Woody wrote on Feb. 14 (regarding road issues):** "Why do the secondary roads get no maintenance? The citizens who pay taxes live on these roads and you would think the lawmakers would want to make the people happy. These citizens elected them into these jobs."

**Derek wrote on Feb. 15 (regarding theme park):** "An aircraft carrier in the middle of a forest, plastic palm trees, Christmas in July (when most people are glad it's over on Dec. 26), these 'themes' are the only thing that can save Grayling? Not to be forgotten that theme parks are closing in the south, where it doesn't snow in April or May, makes it hard to believe it would have stayed open even if they built it. Plus, downstaters are closer to Cedar Point, which is a very fun park, unlike that aircraft carrier or Santa Claus in July."

**Bettie wrote on Feb. 16 (regarding road issues):** "Our roads need to be fixed. How

about North Down River Road and Roberts Road? I think road repair at this time should be more important than borrowing \$3 million to renovate the courthouse building, to find a new home for the Health Department and build a new Senior Center (which I think is the more important of the three). Granted, that would be nice, but at this time, not. How about making do with what we have, the citizens of Grayling have to. Borrowing money at this time is not a good thing since it means taxes will have to be raised to pay for it. And MOST of us are struggling as it is. How about concentrating on getting some grants to get the roads fixed?"

**Sara wrote on Feb. 17 (regarding theme park):** "Do people think that this park would have brought jobs to Grayling? Well, they think wrong! The theme park people would (have) brought in their own professionals. Sure, we would have got some more part-time, minimum wage jobs. But the big, good jobs, would have gone to people transferred in! Thank God this didn't go through! And I'm here from Grayling, not downstate! We want the town to come to life again, then let's stop spending millions of dollars on 'beautification' projects! Wow, that really did the town some good... look at the line of tourists coming to see our great sidewalks and street lamps! How about lowering the taxes downtown so some business could actually stay in business! Maybe if the taxes got lowered, the prices in the downtown stores could get lowered and then more people could afford to shop in Grayling. Maybe we could get some business in all those empty buildings downtown? No, I have a better idea, let's plant some more trees downtown and hang up some more lights and then I just know people will come to Grayling!"



# Briefs

## Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Grayling Mercy Hospital, 1100 Michigan Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and is sponsored by the Grayling Mercy Hospital. For more information, contact Diane Hagle at 989-348-0352.

## COA to take bus trip to Kirtland

The COA will be taking a bus trip on Feb. 25 to the Kirtland Community College School of Cosmetology for a morning of beauty treatments. The bus will leave the senior center, 308 Lawndale St., at 8:45 a.m. Special group rates will be offered on haircuts, manicures and other select services. The price for the trip is \$10, which includes transportation and beauty treatments. Transportation will be provided by The Resurrection Life Church. For more information or to register, call Debra Looney at 348-7123.

## Church to hold annual Shrove supper

St. Francis Episcopal Church, will hold their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A free will donation will be collected at the door as an outreach offering to local groups working with the physically or emotionally challenged. The church is located next to the Grayling Township Offices at 6441 M-72 West.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Swampers recruiting new vintage baseball players

The Hartwick Pines Swampers - a vintage baseball team that plays and interprets baseball as it was played in the mid-1800s is recruiting new players for the 2009 vintage baseball season. On Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., there will be an informational meeting at Hartwick Pines for anyone interested in coming out to play this year. Find out about the 1860 rules that the Swampers play by, see the equipment and uniforms used and have any questions that you may have get answered by club manager Rob "Iceblock" Burg and some of the other veteran Swampers.

Baseball has been America's "National Pastime" for more than 150 years and that includes the Grayling area. The "Swampers" have been playing at Hartwick Pines for four years representing a local team made up of area loggers. Local baseball games between teams from Grayling, Frederic, Otsego Lake, Maple Forest and Kalkaska were well documented in the pages of the Crawford Avalanche in the late 1800s. It was a popular activity at community picnics, holiday celebrations

and other events.

The Swampers will be playing teams from Petoskey, Northville, Ludington and the Irish Hills in 2009. There will also be exhibition matches where the public can try playing ball by the 1860 rules.

This was a time when there were no gloves, no spitting, no sliding, catching the ball on one bounce and all-round gentlemanly play.

Anyone who is interested in playing or cheering on the Swampers is welcome to come out on Feb. 26 to the meeting at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park. Free refreshments will be served. For more information on the Swampers, please visit the new Web site at [www.michigan.gov/swampersbaseball](http://www.michigan.gov/swampersbaseball) or call Rob Burg at 989-348-2537 or email [burgrob@michigan.gov](mailto:burgrob@michigan.gov).

The Hartwick Pines Swampers are sponsored by the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, part of the Michigan Historical Museum system. For more information on the Logging Museum and its programs, please visit [www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum](http://www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum).

## Venue changed for volleyball tournament

Registration is still open for two upcoming four-on-four volleyball tournaments. The women's tournament, which was originally slated for March 7 at Grayling Middle School, has been changed to Feb. 28 at Grayling High School.

The tournaments, both of which start at 9 a.m., are for men and women (ages 16 and up). A parent-signed waiver is required for players that are 16 or 17.

The men's tournament will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Grayling High School.

Teams must register by Feb. 25. Registration forms for both tournaments are available at Grayling High School.

The cost to participate in either one of the tournaments is \$15 per person. Teams can pay their fee on the day of the tournament.

Registration for each tournament is limited to the first 12 teams.

For more information, contact Jessica Szymoniak via e-mail at [casdk12.net](mailto:casdk12.net) with the subject "Volleyball Tournament."

## Grant money available

March 30 is the grant deadline for applications to the North Central Michigan Community Foundation Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for the March 2009 grant cycle.

Applications are available on the Community Foundation Web site at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org) or by calling NCMCF at 877-354-6881. Applications may be

submitted online or mailed to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for projects and programs that benefit youth under the age of 18 in Crawford County. \$300 mini-grants are also available.

## Girl Scouts will tickle taste buds with annual cookie sale

Shovel your front door step and make sure your doorbell is working because Girl Scouts are ready to pay you a visit.

The Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore encourages girls and the public to make informed decisions about the food items they consume. As with any dessert, Girl Scout cookies are not marketed as a dietary staple, but as a special treat that should be enjoyed in moderation. Since these treats are only available for a short time each year, we encourage you to stock up as they freeze great and can be saved and savored throughout the year.

This will mark the first time that the newly-merged council will embark on a 30 county cookie program. In August 2008, four councils in Northwestern Michigan formed one organization, as part of the national realignment designed by Girl Scouts of the USA.

Girl Scout Cookies are a special treat that only comes once each year and provides funds crucial to providing leadership and development programs for girls in kindergarten through high school seniors. The Girl Scout cookie program helps young women learn and practice life skills, such as planning, goal setting, decision making and customer relations. The proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookies will remain in the communities where cookies are sold, with revenue divided between the girls, troops and the council.

As always, there are delicious varieties to choose from: Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Sugar-free Chocolate Chips, Lemon Chai Crème and new Dulce de Leche.

Dulce de Leche - literally means "candy of milk" - a yummy kind of caramel. Inspired by the classic confections of Latin America, these brand new cookies are rich with milk caramel chips and stripes.

With the peanut butter scare nationwide, cookie customers will be relieved to know that neither of the two licensed bakers affiliated with Girl Scout cookies source their peanut butter from the supplier involved in the current warnings.

All Girl Scout cookie varieties are baked using

recipes that meet the standard of "zero grams of trans fat per serving" with the same great taste.

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Another concern for our country is the dramatic increase in commodity costs. Escalating oil and grain costs have significantly affected our daily lives and our Girl Scout cookie sale. In response to this economic challenge, Girl Scouts of the USA agreed to a weight reduction in the three main flavors produced by both cookie bakers. Effective for the 2009 cookie program, the Girl Scouts of the USA approved a one-ounce reduction in the weight of Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, and Trefoils and a .5 ounce reduction in Tagalongs and Samoas.

"We are hoping that despite the economic challenges our country is facing, people will still support Girl Scouting through our Girl Scout Cookie Program," said Karen Micklatcher, the CEO for the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. "Girl Scout cookies are much more than a product, they are a program that prepares young girls to become successful business women. For only \$3.50 per box, no other treat can make such a difference."

To order Girl Scout cookies, contact Grayling area Girl Scout troops, contact 1-866-566-7434 or check out the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore web site at [www.gsmists.org](http://www.gsmists.org).

## Raffle Winners

**Grayling Youth Booster Club**

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 15 of \$25 each; George Klee, Pat Papendick and Sally Golnick.

**Grayling Lions Club**

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Feb. 13 was Shelley Norman.

**Chili Cook-Off**

The Grayling American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the Chili Cook-Off, held at Hanson Hills on Feb. 8. The winners of \$25 gift certificates were William Kaltz to the Ramada Inn, Brian Aimesbury to Dawson Stevens Classic Diner, Katie Todd to Hanson Hills, Don Denton to the Grayling Commission on Aging and Ed Clay to the Silver Dollar Bar. The winner of the

50/50 raffle was M. Bidwell for \$53.50.

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# The Bible Speaks

## God's Love and the Sword

In Romans 8:35 we were reminded God still loves us even when we are slain by the sword. "35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Believers in all ages throughout Judeo-Christian civilization have been martyred for their faith. Romans 8:36 confirms this truth: "36As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." This is a quote of Psalm 44:22 in the Old Testament: "22Yea, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter."

In Matthew 24:3 His disciples asked Jesus privately: "...Tell us...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Deception was the first sign Jesus gave, the second was increased warfare upon earth: "6And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew

24:6-8). Unbelievers still dream and preach of bringing in global disarmament, peace and prosperity, but these are all contrary to the prophetic words of Jesus Christ.

Second, not only will there be increased hatred and wars among nations until Jesus Christ returns, but their one central motivation will be hatred for God's people and an attempt to destroy them. As Jesus said in Matthew 10:22: "22And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake..." Jesus said in John 16:2: "...Yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." Jesus said in John 7:7: "7The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." Jesus said in John 15:24,25: "24If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause." As Romans 8:36 and Psalm 44:22 both teach: "...For thy sake we are killed all the day long..."

Third, "...we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." God's saints have always been

despised, dishonored, diminished, dejected, and destroyed in every way possible by Satan, his Demons and his unbelieving minions of this world system. Jesus ordered His disciples to possess the greatest defensive weapon of His day in Luke 22:36: "he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." Every believer has an alienable right and responsibility to defend his life, liberty and property and that of his family. "8But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim. 5:8). Nehemiah 4:17,18 reminds us of how the Jews rebuilt their city wall after their Babylonian captivity: "17They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. 18For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me." Our 2nd amendment to our U.S. Constitution is Biblical. Pastor "B"

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## Church Directory

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
www.mmi-umc.org - Barrier Free

Traditional Service ..... 9 am  
Coffee Hour ..... 10 am  
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) ..... 11 am  
Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor: David Jorgensen  
(989) 348-1909

Services held Sunday at Camp Ausable  
off M-72 East (1st building on right inside  
camp entrance)  
Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
(Bible based and non-denominational)  
Pastor: Larry Hankins  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adults) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Web Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Grayling Free Methodist**  
Pastor: Rick Seccord  
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Service ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411  
heritagebaptist-grayling.org  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**

Pastor: Gary Wojdan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsipage (989) 348-7466

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
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Sunday Worship ..... 10 am

**Westminster-By-The-Lake**  
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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

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(989) 348-5224

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am



**7662 Kelly Ave. Frederic**

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**

Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Unity Church of Today North**

Ministry: Terry Dickinson  
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study  
available at [utnord@freeway.net](mailto:utnord@freeway.net)

**Luzerne Baptist**

Pastor: James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

**Community of Christ**

Pastor: Ann Doty  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.  
Parish Office - 707 Spruce  
(989) 348-7657

Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Reverend: Elizabeth Chase  
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850

Morning Prayer Tue-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Center**  
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann  
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738  
reslifecenter.com  
Phone: (989) 348-1000

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
Midweek Services (Wed) ..... 7 pm  
E-mail: [reslifefellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:reslifefellowship@hotmail.com)

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop  
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)  
(989) 348-5921

Saturday Evening Worship Service ..... 7 pm  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett  
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
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## Obituaries



**Martha C. Walrath**

Martha "Marty" Clara Walrath, 84, of Grayling, passed away suddenly on February 11, 2009.

She spent time in her early life on the farm in New Buffalo, where she and her two cousins were always getting into some kind of mischievous trouble.

She spent time riding a Harley Davidson until she had children and decided it was too dangerous.

She traveled throughout the United States, living in Indiana, California, Michigan, Minnesota, Alabama and Florida.

In 1954, she married Eugene Walrath, who passed away in 1984.

She moved to Florida in 1985, where she lived close to her sons until she developed eye problems and decided it was time to be close to her daughter. She moved to Grayling, where she lived in the senior apartments.

She enjoyed having her own place, filling it with crafty things, pictures of family, nature and mementos of her trips and adventures.

She loved her family, her country and nature. Her favorite things were Mickey Mouse, Disneyland, the ocean, Alan Jackson music, going to the casino and Walmart.

She spent her time doing craft projects, especially making bead necklaces and bracelets. Many of her bead projects went to church mission projects.

She has a smile for everyone and usually had a story or tale to tell. She loved life and was happy with every day.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry (Bill) Haag of Grayling; sons, Michael (Pam) Keen of Tampa, Fla., John (Debbie) Walrath of Springfield, Ore.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held on February 28, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the Crawford County Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



**Heather L. Stevens**

Heather Louise Stevens, 27, formerly of Grayling, went to be with her Lord Jesus on February 11, 2009.

She was the daughter of Stephen Stevens and Debra Wilder, and was born on September 2, 1981, in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1988, she moved to Greenwood, Ind., and attended Greenwood schools where she participated in the Indianapolis Children's Choir for two years prior to moving to Grayling in 1993.

She and her family were the owners of Stevens Family Circle Restaurant from 1994 to 2003.

She attended Grayling schools and was a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School.

She left Grayling in 2007 and moved to Mountain Home, Idaho, where she lived with her son, and her boyfriend Nicholas Kettler.

She is survived by her son, Dezmond Kettler; father, Stephen (Jodie Gay) Stevens; mother Debra (Darwin) Wilder; grandfather, Russell (Joyce) Stevens; siblings: Madelane, Alaynah, Guinevere and Tristan Stevens, Dara (Wilder) Schoen, Liberty (Wilder) Tinker, Derek Wilder; and several aunts, uncles and cousins who will all miss her until they see her again.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, pending the return of the families from Idaho.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 74 complaints the week of Feb. 9 - Feb. 15.

One suicide, 20 general non-criminal complaints, five false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, one telephone used for harassment, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one larceny-from yards, two damage to properties, one family offense/other, four public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, two miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one hazardous condition, three family troubles-domestic, nine suspicious situations, one driving violations/driving while license suspended and two driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. week-days, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 20 - Lunch - original fried chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and an orange. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Feb. 23 - Lunch - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, pears and Prince Charles vegetable blend. 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Lunch - shepherd's pie, cauliflower and grapefruit. Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, carrots and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Lunch - deluxe hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and apricots. Dinner - baked ham, glazed sweet potatoes, Brussel sprouts, pineapple and brownies. 10 a.m. line dancing, Bussins' Beauties Trip, 1 p.m. pool league and COA Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Feb. 26 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and pears. Dinner - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli cuts and grapes. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Births



Jamie and Marty Harris announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Brooke, born at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids on November 9, 2008, at 9:37 a.m., weighing 2 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 14 1/4 inches in length.

Delaney came home to her parents on Dec. 25, 2008.

Delaney's grandparents are Brian and Kim Pratt of Grayling and the late Edwin and Dorothy Harris of Grayling and Petoskey.

Bobbie Porter and Mark Cassell, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexis Serenity, born at Mercy Hospital on February 5, 2009, at 4:13 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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## GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are: (from left to right, back row) Alex Barth, Brady Bendig, Sam Cousins, Danielle Dami, Shanley Dorn, Danielle Dwyer, Sarah Goodyear, Mathew Griffin; (middle row) Brandon Hassett, Johnathan Hause, Marilyn Jankowski, Dallas Johnson, Levi Korneli, Jessica Lohr, Darian Mateos, Brittany Naumiec; (front row) Elysia Petrie, John Petrie, Cyle Pratt, Chelsea Randall, Breanna Smith, Elle Smith, Jacob Thomas, Ghaug Toomey.

## Students flip for reading due to digital cameras

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"When they read, they're so involved in the process of reading that they can't evaluate themselves," Barth said. "When they are recorded, they can see what the teacher sees."

AuSable Primary School teachers received a grant from the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning to purchase the first dozen Flip Video camcorders for use with first and second grade students. Flip Video camcorders were also purchased for kindergarten classes and teaching specialists with the school district's Title One federal funds, which are earmarked to be used to fund core subject areas which include mathematics, language arts, social studies and science.

The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning was established in 1974 and is part of the International Society for Technology in Education. The mission of the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning is to promote the use of technology to improve student achievement and allow school districts to achieve their curriculum goals.

Videos taken at the start of the school year show that students are raising their reading levels and are improving on the number of words read per minute when compared to videos recently made.

Digital videos will be made of each student to go along with their regular portfolios that go with them from grade to grade.

"For the students, it individualizes it and authenticates it because it's them," Hetfield said. "It allows them to take responsibility for their reading."

Kindergarten teacher Denise Edwards used the camera to make a video called "Being Kind," which showed students how to use proper manners and actions while in a group setting. The video debuted at the AuSable Primary School's recent Academic Extravaganza.

Kindergarten teacher Nicole Huspen has had the students read to each other in pairs to judge if they can stay on task and if the listener is properly paying attention.

"It's a mini-lesson where they can play the video back and evaluate themselves," Huspen said. "I love the idea that students want to be videoed and can't wait to see the video."

Teachers also used the videos at parent-teacher conferences. Barth uses the camcorder to record the phonics lessons her students are studying in class instead of sending home handouts or homework lessons.

"The video kind of bridges the gap and they can see what their children are learning in their lessons," Barth said.

Second grader Megan Benson, who was recorded reading for the second time last week, said use of the camcorder is just plain cool.

"It's pretty cool being recorded and being able to see yourself reading," Benson said.

The cameras are giving teachers another avenue to bring technology into the

classroom and to work one-on-one with the students.

"We're not claiming that it all has to do with the cameras, because we do have a lot of great teaching going on in the building," Barth said.

Crawford AuSable School Superintendent Joe Powers said he is pleased teachers have been achieving success boosting reading skills with the video cameras, and looks forward to expanding ways the cameras can be used in other subject areas.

"Our teachers are very creative in developing ways to help students improve," Powers said.

Barbara Mick, the principal of the AuSable Primary School, said she is impressed with the immediate feedback students are getting in the classroom.

"You can capture so much in a short amount of time to show the kids," Mick said.

Ric Wiltse, executive director of the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, said use of the Flip Video camcorders is gaining popularity all over the state.

"It's very easy to display student work through use of the Flip cameras," Wiltse said.

Wiltse said he attended a consumer electronics show in Las Vegas last month and viewed the newest version of the Flip Video camcorders. He said the clarity and quality of images the cameras can capture has improved.

"The fact they are bringing out an enhanced model is a good indication that this is something that is not going to be a fad," Wiltse said.

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**How do we get fluoride?** Systemically: in most large cities, fluoride is added to the water, but in Northern Michigan, it is not likely to be present in your well water. It is best to have your water tested by the Health Department - especially before considering supplements. Get direction from your family dentist.

**Do fluoride applications work?** The fluoride treatments that your dentist places on your teeth (topically) are effective for about 4 months; they should be reapplied on a regular basis.

**At what age should fluoride be used?** As fluoride does not pass through the placenta, prenatal fluoride is not effective. Treatments are most effective when started around age 4-6. Once you know the levels in your water, dosages can be determined. Fluoride supplements before age three can cause fluorosis - a condition characterized by brown stains on the teeth. Careful homecare with a fluoridated toothpaste and the avoidance of a highly sweetened diet can be the best treatment for baby teeth.

**This sounds complicated; what is the best simple strategy?** Develop a relationship with a good family dentist; work out a plan with that dentist or the practice hygienist, including proper dosages. Maintain a regular schedule with that office.

To go straight to the article referenced:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18978383> (search for "Fluoride Systemic? Pediatric Fluoride? Results Panel Fluoride? Dental Report Panel Fluoride? RVDs Sum")



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## City of Grayling officials move forward tackling ongoing blighted properties

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Moshier sought to extend his deadline for the clean up, but the city council directed Grayling City Manager David Thayer to have a lawsuit filed to abate the nuisance.

As preparations for a court trial were taking place, both sides were ordered to attend a negotiation session with Community Mediation Services.

Now, Moshier has until Sept. 1 to have the entire property cleaned up and the building torn down.

Moshier said he plans to seek bids to have somebody remove all junk cars and fuel tanks from the property and the contents of his building, which will occur this spring.

Moshier said that he would also seek the help from church and civic groups to help with the property clean up. Finally, Moshier said he plans to ask Camp Grayling officials to help with the demolition of the building.

Moshier said that he could not comment on the issue until all the pieces of his plan were in place.

The city has permission to go on the property on Aug. 1 to determine if progress is being made or if more work needs to be done. Thayer said he will hire contractors to do the clean up if significant clean up efforts are not made. "The bottom line is the blight conditions will be taken care of by Labor Day," Thayer said. "This discussion has been going on for eight years."

The city's efforts to bring the Respecki's property in compliance with the nuisance ordinance date back to Sept. 2007, when the city cited the property for being in violation of the community's nuisance ordinance.

The city was granted a court

order to have the property cleaned up, and Jerry Northrop, the owner of Northrop Tree and Crane Service, was hired to do the work. A crew from the firm began removing items from the property on October 10, 2007. Items considered rubbish and junk were separated into one dumpster and items considered to be of value were put in another dumpster for Gerald Respecki's inspection. During the clean up, the Respeckis showed up at their property and blocked workers from continuing the clean up, according to court records.

While dumpsters were on the Respecki's property, two Crawford County men removed items from a dumpster and sold them as scrap metal. The men were eventually ordered to pay the money they received for the scrap metal to Respecki.

The city again filed a lawsuit to enforce a court order for the property clean up last year.

On Feb. 2, 2009 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen issued a court order for the property clean since Gerald Respecki, who is representing himself in the case, failed to show for a court hearing.

Thayer suspects the appeal will be folded into a mediation hearing that the city and Respecki have scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 concerning their 402 Erie St. home, which has two trucks and a trailer filled with junk, lawn and garden equipment, parts and several items in the front yard.

Thayer said Grayling Charter Township also has a lawsuit filed against Respecki for violating the nuisance ordinance in the township over the storage of

junk.

"He's been using his properties like a revolving door," Thayer said.

In his defense, Respecki claimed that city officials have violated his U.S. Constitutional right by trespassing on his property, removing items of value and not allowing him to use his property the way he sees fit.

The city has sought over \$4,000 in abatement and storage fees from Respecki. Respecki declared he has lost over \$60,000 due from the items taken by the city and lost opportunities to sell operating lawn and garden equipment.

The city has been granted governmental immunity in the case since it was engaged in a governmental function in the process of a valid court order to get the properties cleaned up.

Gerard Brabant, the attorney for the City of Grayling, said city officials try to get as much done in one swoop while dealing with blight issues, but obtaining compliance takes time and a lot of trips to court.

"We're sorry but you have to come up to the community standards, not to the standards that you think are acceptable," Brabant said.

Thayer said that property owners are not being singled out and anyone that has a blighted property will be addressed. He added that the city would focus on different aspects of the nuisance ordinance from year to year to help beautify the community.

"In a time when there are fears over the falling housing market and a decline in property values, we want to do everything we can to shore that up," Thayer said.

A number of calls seeking comment from Gerald Respecki were not returned to the Crawford County Avalanche.

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# New Special Olympics bowling league completes first season

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Sometimes, bowling can be a lot more than just pins and lanes. For a dedicated group of Special Olympics athletes who completed a season of bowling at the American Legion last month, it was a way of bringing people together.

The league was formed in Oct. by Valerie Brown and her brother-in-law, Mike Brown. The two served as coaches for the program.

"We were trying to target special olympians who were out of the system," Valerie said.

The coaches observed that mentally challenged individuals sometimes miss out on Special Olympics programs once they graduate from COOR or other educational organizations.

"We were trying to reintroduce them to it," Valerie said.

The Browns are both involved in a local volleyball program for the Special Olympics as well. Six athletes participated in the new bowling league.

The American Legion supported the league by letting them bowl at a reduced rate.

"The athletes were genuinely receptive and nice and had a good time," Valerie said.

As with all Special Olympic programs, the fun served a purpose.



This season's local Special Olympics bowling league member included (back row, from left to right) Coach Mike Brown, Kris Brown, Coach Valerie Brown, Hilary Monica, Jerry Harris and Chris Wiley. Danielle Stephan is in front.

"It helps them to socialize and be independent ... it gives them a lot of skills other than just bowling," Valerie said.

Her brother-in-law agrees.

"To get them out ... and get them exercising, I think it helps their quality of life," Mike said.

Many of the athletes proved to be formidable players. One bowled a 250 game.

"They are very much like everyone else and they want to compete," Valerie said.

Next season, the coaches expect up to eight new participants in addition to the veterans from this year.

They also hope to send league participants to the 2010 Michigan Summer Special Olympics.

"That will be really dependent on how much money we can get," Valerie said.

Mike said that if this season is any indication, the Grayling Special Olympians will fit in quite well with the other athletes at the statewide event.

"They did improve," he said.

Meanwhile, both coaches are happy to have been involved this season.

"We had a good time ... we did a lot of laughing," Valerie said.

"I think most times I get more out of it than the athletes do," Mike said. "You get a whole different perspective on life."

## 46th Circuit Trial Court

### Sentencings for January 2009

#### Hon. Janet M. Allen

Daniel Raymond Stafford, age 19 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Jan. 5, 2009, to police officer-fleeing-third degree and for probation violation; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve seven days in jail; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$250 penal fine and \$204 late fee assessment.

Stephan Robert Schultes, age 54 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2008, to sex offender-failure to comply with reporting; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 60 days in jail; ordered to pay \$150 attorney fee, \$325 circuit

court costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$45 state minimum costs and \$100 penal fine.

Keith Edward Gerald Revord, age 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to home invasion-first degree; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 30 months to 20 years in prison with credit for 83 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Rose Marie Crowe, age 37 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to financial transaction device-retain without consent; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime

victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$477.02 restitution; placed on probation for 18 months.

David Allen Runge, age 21 of-Vanderbilt - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to police assault causing injury; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 365 days in jail; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$3,491.16 restitution.

Roger Shane Dagenhart, age 35 of Standish - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to prisoner-possession of contraband; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve one year and four months to five years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

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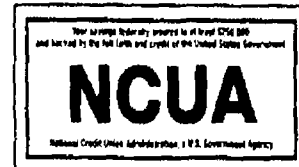
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## Woman injured when car struck by semi

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Grayling woman was injured Friday when she was trying to make a left turn onto the I-75 Business Loop and her car was struck by a semi.

The accident occurred around 4:55 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 when a 48-year-old Grayling woman was at the corner of the State Street and I-75 Business Loop. The woman's four grandchildren, ages 2, 3, 6 and 7,

were also in the 1995 Buick.

Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum said the driver reportedly became distracted by something going on in the backseat of the vehicle and inadvertently pulled into the path of a 2005 Peterbilt semi traveling northbound on the I-75 Business Loop.

The semi, driven by a 45-year-old East Jordan man, had just come through the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East intersection on a green light. The driver had little

time to react and collided with the driver's side of the car.

The driver and four children were transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling by Michigan Mobile Medical Response ambulances. The identity of the driver and children was not released by police as of the *Crawford County Avalanche's* press time, and the extent of their injuries was unknown.

The driver of the semi was not injured.

Northbound I-75

Business Loop traffic was detoured onto State Street and one southbound lane was maintained while emergency responders attended to accident victims, cleaned up debris and moved the semi and car.

Grayling City Police officers were assisted by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, the Grayling Fire Department, Mobile Medical Response, Milltown Towing and a number of area residents at the scene.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

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Those who were con-

ferred academic degrees and/or certificates include: Joseph Carr of Frederic, Associate in Arts; students from Grayling were William Armstrong, Certificate of Completion: Correctional Officer, Rhonda Feters, Associate in Applied Science: Cardiac Sonography, Jesse Morley, Associate in Applied Science: Technology Management, Nicole Roman, Certificate of Completion: Graphic Design, Samantha Stephan, Associate in Applied Science: Corrections Administration - Jail Administration; and the graduates from Roscommon

were Eric Branch, Associate in Applied Science: Graphic Design, Lindsay Kaske, Associate in Applied Science: Cardiac Sonography, Dori Keene, Certificate of Completion: Medical Billing and Coding, Jill Koroleski, Associate in Applied Science: Criminal Justice Pre-Service, Heather Pratt, Certificate of Completion: Medical Clerk, Sarah Ritchie, Certificate of Completion: Cosmetology, Erika Seifert, Associate in Applied Science: Criminal Justice Pre-Service and Jason Sharpe, Associate in Applied Science: Technology Management.

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2. Commit to a daily oral-health routine. Based on discussions with your dentist or dental hygienist, devise an effective oral-health routine that's easy to follow and specific to your situation.

3. Use fluoride. Everyone can benefit from flu-

oride mouth rinses or toothpastes. Fluoride strengthens developing teeth and helps prevent decay in children and adults. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are good sources of fluoride.

4. Brush and floss to remove plaque. Everyone should brush and floss at least once a day (preferably twice or after every meal) to help remove plaque, the bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. If plaque isn't removed every day, it can combine with sugars to form acids that lead to tooth decay, gingivitis and other periodontal diseases.

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7. Examine your mouth regularly. Even if you visit your dentist regularly, you are in the best position to notice changes in your mouth. Your dentist sees you only a few times a year, but you can examine your mouth weekly for changes such as swollen gums, chipped teeth, discolored teeth or sores or lesions on your gums, cheeks or tongue.

8. Visit the dental office regularly. You and your dentist should talk about the frequency of your visits. Some people need to visit their dentist more frequently than others.

## Library News

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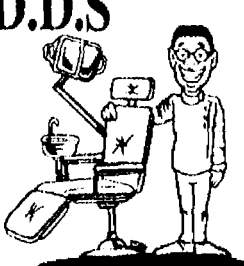
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## Grayling edges Red Devils 48-45 at East Jordan

Basketball team plays three road games, wins one

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the East Jordan Red Devils but lost at Roscommon and Harbor Springs last week.

On Wednesday, the Vikings won 48-45 at East Jordan.

Grayling trailed by one, 12-11, going into the second quarter. The Vikings had a 25-21 advantage at halftime. Both teams scored 10 points in the third period. Grayling held on for a three-point win.

"This game was a grind at both ends of the court. We made enough stops defensively to win the game. Colin Hamlin hit some clutch free throws down the stretch," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Hamlin, 11 points, 6 assists, 3 steals; Spencer Dean, 9 points, 9 rebounds; Tyler Steffey, 6 points, 4 rebounds; Alex Gabriel, 6 points, 8 rebounds;

Trent Larm, 5 points, 5 steals; Steven Enos, 5 points.

On Monday night, the Vikings lost 61-53 at Roscommon.

Grayling led 13-9 after one quarter. The Vikings had a 26-25 edge at halftime and a 40-38 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Roscommon opened the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run. Larm stole the ball and scored a fast break lay-up to pull

Grayling within two.

A 10-2 run by the Bucks gave Roscommon a 54-44 lead with 2:48 left in regulation.

Two free throws by Eric Ferrigan cut Roscommon's lead to eight. An inside shot by Steffey at the 1:51 mark pulled Grayling within seven. Hamlin hit a three-pointer at the 1:13 mark to bring Grayling within four, 55-51.

The Vikings fouled and See **GRAYLING** | 2B



Photo by Caleb Casey

Ashley Feldhauser shoots the ball for Grayling on Tuesday.

## Fourth quarter surge leads EJ past Grayling

Red Devils outscore Vikings 12-2 down the stretch

Grayling trailed by only two points going into the fourth quarter of last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball contest at East Jordan, but the Red Devils outscored the Vikings 24-12 in the final eight minutes to win by 14 points, 61-47.

Grayling trailed by three, 17-14, after one quarter. At halftime, the Red Devils led 31-26. East Jordan took a 37-35 advantage into the fourth quarter.

A jump shot by East Jordan gave the Red Devils a four-point lead. Two free throws by Teresa Schreiber cut East Jordan's lead back to two. The Red Devils scored one free throw to lead by three. Two free throws by Schreiber pulled Grayling within one.

In the next three minutes of clock time, East Jordan outscored Grayling 7-0 with See **FOURTH QUARTER** | 3B



Trent Larm, left, takes a jump shot for Grayling on Monday night at Roscommon. Doug Gothro, right, handles the ball for the Vikings on Monday.



Photos by Caleb Casey



Photo by Caleb Casey

Haley Wiseman dribbles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday.

## JV Vikings lose by two, 31-29, at East Jordan

Red Devils outscore Grayling 4-2 in final 1:40

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball squad overcame a slow first half and had a chance to win last Tuesday's contest at East Jordan, but the Red Devils - in a game that was tied with 1:43 left in regulation - won by two points, 31-29.

Grayling scored only six points in the first half and trailed by eight, 14-6, going into the third period. East Jordan led by four, 19-15, going into the fourth quarter.

See **JV VIKINGS** | 3B

## JV basketball team holds off late run by Bucks, wins 45-39

Grayling improves to 10-4 with three road wins

The Roscommon Bucks cut Grayling's double-digit fourth quarter lead to as few as three points during last Monday's JV boys basketball game at Roscommon, but the Vikings held on for a 45-39 victory.

Grayling had a 12-point lead at halftime, 30-18. The Vikings also led by 12 (38-26) going into the fourth period.

With 2:24 left in regulation, Roscommon hit a jump shot to pull within three, 40-37. A

jump shot by Riley Zigila gave Grayling a five-point lead.

The Bucks tried a three-pointer, missed, and grabbed the rebound. Griffin Dean blocked a Roscommon shot attempt and snagged the loose

ball. Roscommon fouled. Grayling missed the resulting free throw. The Vikings came down with the rebound, and Roscommon fouled on the play. Grayling missed the free throw.

See **JV BASKETBALL** | 2B



Jake Helsel, left, controls the ball for the Vikings during last Monday's JV basketball game at Roscommon. Riley Zigila, right, drives to the basket for Grayling on Monday night.



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# Ski teams come up short in bid for state finals

## Hannah Smith qualifies in giant slalom

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams failed to qualify for the state finals after finishing outside of the top three in a tough regional meet last Friday.

"This was by far the toughest I have ever seen this region. I would have to say that both state championships are coming out of this region," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

In the boys competition, Manistee, Harrison, and Traverse City St. Francis earned state finals berths. Manistee, Cadillac, and Traverse City St. Francis finished in the top three in the girls competition.

Individual placements for Grayling included: (boys giant slalom) Matt Hilbrecht, 17.5; Peter Alexander, 23; Brady Coe, 24; Matt Dunckel, 29; Roger Heggie, 36; Mike

Olson, 39; (boys slalom) Alexander, 20; Heggie, 29; Dunckel, 34; Olson, 49; Hilbrecht, DQ; Coe, DQ; (girls GS) Hannah Smith, 7; Ciara Summers, 15; Katie Lange, 17; Peggy Currison, 25; Emily Wingard, 32; (girls slalom) Lange, 15; Smith, 22; Wingard, 31; Summers, 34; Currison, 38.

Smith qualified for the state finals in GS with her seventh place finish. Smith, Lange, and Summers were named to the all-regional team.

"The boys blew up today. We had talked about what they had to do today to advance to the state finals, and the conditions definitely affected the outcome of the race. Everyone had to race in the conditions, but there were a lot of good racers that disqualified today.

The top teams knew if they stood up today they would move on. Unfortunately, those that were not on one of those teams had to give it everything they had to move on," Coach Gariglio said. "Mike Olson and Matt Hilbrecht both went down in GS and in slalom, after their first run, they sat third and sixth, respectfully. Matt Hilbrecht was disqualified for straddling a gate. Mike straddled a gate on his second run and had to hike."

"Senior Peter Alexander led the team with his solid performances today. He worked very hard this year and will definitely be missed next year. This team will be back next year hitting on all cylinders," Coach Gariglio said.

"The girls skied very well today. Coach Wagner did an excellent job with them

today. In slalom, they had a few mistakes that cost them and senior Hannah Smith was sitting 12th after her first run. The top 10 go to state, so she had to pick it up on her second run and she hip checked and had to hike, ending her chance for state in slalom. In GS, the girls stepped it up, putting together their best race all year. They finished third in the GS event, edging out TCSF. All the girls skied two clean runs and three of them were in the top 15. Hannah Smith led them with a seventh place finish, sending her to state. Ciara Summers missed going by eight hundredths of a second. This is a young team and will be interesting to watch the next two years. Hannah Smith has done a great job leading them this year," Coach Gariglio said.

# JV basketball team wins 45-39

Continued from 1B

The Vikings drew a foul on a put-back attempt and missed both free throws.

At the 0:50 mark, Jake Helsel hit one of two free throws to give Grayling a 43-37 lead. The Bucks hit a jump shot to pull within four. The Vikings answered with an inside shot by Dean.

Roscommon tried a three-pointer, missed, and Zigila rebounded the ball. The Bucks fouled, and Grayling missed both free throws. Roscommon missed two three-pointers in the final seconds and Grayling won

by six, 45-39.

The Vikings shot 28 percent (5 for 18) from the free-throw line and 36 percent from the floor (20 for 56) in the contest.

"We did not share the ball well. We only had three assists for the game and offensively we did not make some good choices. In the end, it was nice to win the game, but - more importantly I think - we learned a good lesson," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Dean, 10 points, 11 rebounds; Zigila, 10 points; Zane Tobin, 12 points.

On Wednesday night, the Vikings won 46-43 at East Jordan.

The team shot 56 percent (9 for 16) from the free-throw line. The Vikings had 14 steals and 17 turnovers.

"Offensively, we were much better at moving the ball and taking good shots -

we just missed a lot of shots, mostly lay-ups. In a 20-game season you will have games like this, but we still managed to win the game because of our defense. We had three big defensive stops in the last 48 seconds of the game when we were clinging to a two-point lead," Coach Kucharek said.

Grayling's scoring leaders were: Helsel, 14 points, 12 rebounds; Tobin, 15 points; Jensen Aubry, 4 points, 9 rebounds; Ethan Lewis, 6 points.

"Jake Helsel played his best game of the year, picking up the double-double," Coach Kucharek said.

On Friday night, the Vikings won 47-33 at Harbor Springs.

Grayling had 11 steals and 20 turnovers.

"We held Harbor Springs to 18 percent from the field," Coach Kucharek

said.

"Offensively, we were clicking early in the game. We had 11 assists for our 18 field goals and were very balanced in our scoring. That's a pretty good number. This was a big win for us because we lost to these guys by 14 early in the season and this was our third road game this week," Coach Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Dean, 10 points, 12 rebounds; Brent Steffey, 4 points, 7 rebounds; Aubry, 5 points, 8 rebounds; Tobin, 9 points; Helsel, 7 points; Lewis, 4 points.

"Brent Steffey had a huge game for us off the bench," Coach Kucharek said.

Friday night's victory was Grayling's seventh consecutive win. The Vikings (10-4 overall, 6-4 league) will host Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

## Grayling edges Red Devils

Continued from 1B

Roscommon hit one of two free throws. A put-back by Steffey cut Roscommon's advantage to three, 56-53, with 44 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Grayling fouled and Roscommon made both free throw attempts. The Vikings shot and missed, and the Bucks came down with the rebound. Grayling fouled. The Bucks hit both free

throws. Roscommon stole the ball and Grayling fouled again. The Bucks hit one of two at the free-throw line.

Roscommon won by eight, 61-53.

Grayling's scoring leaders included: Larm, 13 points, 3 assists; Ferrigan, 13 points; Hamlin, 10 points, 7 steals, 3 assists; Steffey, 8 points, 6 rebounds.

On Friday, the Vikings

lost 72-57 in a league game played at Harbor Springs.

"We struggled to get up and down the court. We had a number of kids sick and it showed throughout this game," Coach Moffitt said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Larm (13), Steffey (11), Hamlin (11), Doug Gothro (8).

Grayling (6-8 overall, 4-6 conference) will host Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 20.

## Bowling Leagues

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Rosco... 41 - 15  
Last Call... 33 - 23  
McDonald's... 30 - 26  
Canadian Steak... 28 - 28  
American Legion... 27 - 29

Double Trouble... 27 - 29  
L & L Hauling... 23 - 33  
Miller Spillers... 15 - 41

High Series Women: M. Cole, 537; P. Younglove, 513; N. Clark, 493. High Game Women: K. Moshier, 204; K. Wellman, 202; M. Cole, 194. High Series Men: D. Wallace, 673; G. Mastroeni, 645; J. Campbell, 573. High Game Men: D. Wallace, 263; J. Campbell, 256; G. Mastroeni, 246.

### Thursday Morning Coffee

Three Amigos... 13 - 7  
Misfits... 11.5 - 8.5  
Pin Slayers... 11.5 - 8.5  
Bill's Harem... 11.5 - 8.5  
Rosebuds... 11 - 9  
Snow Tops... 9.5 - 10.5  
Ladybugs... 8 - 12  
Casino Bums... 4 - 16  
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 511; P. Kennedy, 478; R. Brown, 423. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 178; P. Kennedy, 165; R. Brown, 160. High Series

Men: D. Williamson, 528; B. Holton, 522; B. Hollis, 519. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 212; P. Faustman, 192; D. Williamson, 189.

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Team Shocker... 38 - 11  
Salon Rue... 32 - 17  
Hard Balls... 29 - 20  
Spikes #2... 26 - 23  
Spikes #1... 23 - 26  
Growlers... 22 - 27  
AJD... 16 - 33  
GrayRock Cafe... 10 - 39  
High Series Men: J. Thayer, 589; M. Forbes, 579; T. Sheldon, 561. High Game Men: T. Sheldon, 211; J. Thayer, 209; P. Faustman, 207. High Series Women: S. Mead, 479; C. Sheldon 459; A. Ray, 422. High Game Women: S. Mead, 174; L. Mead, 167; H. Lippard, 159.

### Senior League

Spikes... 21 - 7  
Dana Transport... 18 - 10  
Gaylord Electric... 17 - 11  
Bear's Den Pizza... 16 - 12  
Flowers By Josie... 13 - 15  
Sylvester's Sports... 10 - 18  
Kicking Grass... 10 - 18  
Lone Pine... 7 - 21  
High Series Women: C. Clark, 495; H. Stairs, 492;

D. Doremire, 426. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 211; C. Clark, 182 and 176. High Series Men: D. Williamson, 648; P. Faustman, 601; J. Rasmussen, 520. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 259; J. Rasmussen, 207; P. Faustman, 203.

### National First

GADCO... 27 - 15  
Pittman Bld... 26 - 16  
Hagerman Const... 24 - 18  
Continental Rental... 19 - 23  
Primary Electric... 17 - 25  
High Series: S. Pittman, 601; D. Lawe, 568; C. Brill, 564. High Game: C. Brill, 222; S. Pittman, 218; J. Thayer, 214.

### American Men's League

Moore's Auto... 19 - 2  
McLean's Ace... 18 - 3  
GADCO... 16 - 5  
Sky Ripper... 14 - 7  
Fenton's Auto... 8 - 13  
McNamara Ford... 6 - 15  
Dragon Repair... 3 - 18  
High Series: P. Benardo, 610; L. Davis, 589; B. Harris, 570. High Game: P. Benardo, 228; L. Davis, 210; D. Henning, 209.



# Fourth quarter surge leads EJ past Grayling, 61-47

Continued from 1B

two inside shots and one three-pointer.

A three-point play by Mackenzie Harwood at the 2:51 mark cut East Jordan's lead to five, 47-42. The Red Devils scored an inside shot to lead by seven. A three-pointer by Sam Schreiber at the 2:30 mark pulled Grayling within four, 49-45.

In the final 2:29, East Jordan outscored Grayling 12-2 to win by 14 points.

"This was our best team effort of the season," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Six players scored. We made 47 points, which is enough to pull off a victory. We just need to play consistent defense for four quarters."

"We brought up sophomore Kirstie Wakeley from the JV team this week. She brings another offensive threat to our team," Coach Sheehan said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: T. Schreiber, 16 points, 6 steals, 6 assists, 4 rebounds; Ashley Feldhauser, 12 points, 8 rebounds; S. Schreiber, 6 points, 3 assists, 4 rebounds; Laura Boylan, 6 points, 6 rebounds, 8 blocks, 2 assists; Harwood, 5 points.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost by 11 points, 53-42, at Elk Rapids.

Grayling (3-14 overall, 2-9 league) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Feb. 19.

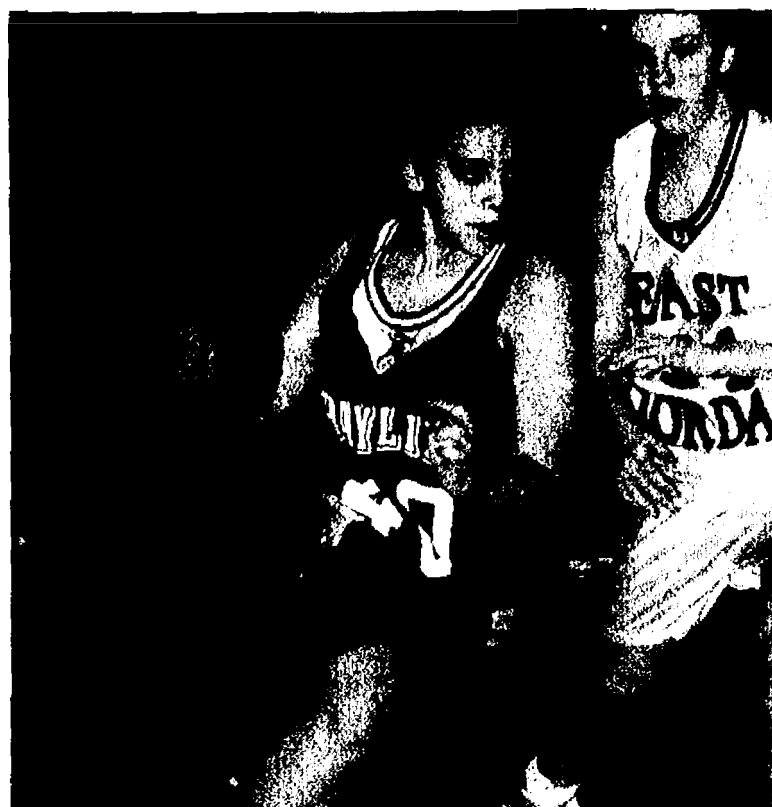


Photo by Caleb Casey  
Teresa Schreiber handles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday.

# JV Vikings lose by two at EJ

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The Vikings tied the score at 19-19 with baskets by Rebecca Money and Shalee Miller. East Jordan scored four points with a lay-up and a jump shot. A put-back by Ann Hamlin at the 3:58 mark cut East Jordan's lead to two. A jump shot and a free throw gave the Red Devils a 26-21 advantage with 3:26 remaining.

Money converted two free throws for GHS at the 3:18 mark. A put-back by Hamlin cut East Jordan's lead to one, 26-25. One free throw put the Red Devils ahead by two with 2:15 left in the fourth period.

At the 1:43 mark, Hali Miller hit two free throws to tie the game at 27-27. East Jordan answered with an inside shot to lead by two. The Red Devils stole the ball and gave it back with a turnover. Grayling was called for a technical foul for reaching across the sideline and touching the ball during an in-bounds play. East Jordan hit one of the two resulting free throws to lead by three.

The technical foul also gave East Jordan possession of the ball. The Red Devils shot and missed, and Grayling rebounded the ball. East Jordan fouled and Charlie Money hit one of two at the free-throw line. Grayling trailed by two with 1:16 remaining.

East Jordan tried a three-pointer and Haley Wiseman rebounded the ball. Grayling got two shots off before turning the ball over with a travelling violation. The Vikings fouled and East Jordan hit one of two shots at the line. Grayling turned the ball over, and East Jordan gave it back with a turnover.

The Vikings missed a shot attempt and East Jordan came down with the rebound. H. Miller stole the ball for Grayling. With one second left, East Jordan fouled H. Miller, who converted one of two at the free-throw line.

East Jordan won 31-29. "This was a disappointing loss. We lost to a team we should have beaten. No mat-

ter who you play you have to come to play the whole game and we only played two-and-a-half quarters. You can't go on the road and allow a home team to get a big lead and confidence. Our offense was horrible and we turned the ball over against a defensive press that was not good," Coach Craig Hofman said. "You have to give East Jordan all the credit though. They took advantage of our mistakes and inability to score in the first half, and in the second (half) they held on and hit important shots and free throws to keep us from ever taking the lead."

"I was very proud of the girls for their effort and execution offensively in the second half. We climbed back into the game with a full court pressure. We handled the press and had many shot opportunities. We started hitting more of them, but still missed some easy open shots that you need to hit to make comebacks and win games. Down three with 1:48 left, we had at least eight good shot attempts and made none."

Down the stretch, neither team shot well from the free-throw line. In the fourth quarter, Grayling was 6 for 17 (35 percent) and East Jordan was 4 for 15 (27 percent). Six players - three from each team - ended up fouling out in the contest.

"The girls showed a lot of heart and fight in a very physical game. Our ultimate downfall to the comeback was the fact we were 6 for 17 from the line in the fourth quarter. Fatigue was probably an issue since we had to increase the tempo of the game the entire third and fourth quarter," Coach



Photo by Caleb Casey  
Ashley Jensen plays defense during last Tuesday's JV game at East Jordan.

Hofman said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Rebecca Money, 6 points, 6 steals; Hamlin, 6 points, 8 rebounds, 6 steals; S. Miller, 5 points; H. Miller, 4 points, 3 rebounds; Ashley Jensen, 3 points, 2 rebounds; C. Money, 2 points, 4 steals, 2 rebounds; Wiseman, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 39-30 at Elk Rapids.

"(The) girls played a real solid game against Elk Rapids. Even in the loss, it was one of our more consistent outings quarter to quarter. We were able to tie it up at halftime, 18-18. We had a lull in the third quarter, which gave the Elks an eight-point lead. In the fourth (period) we played well, but every time we pulled to within four or five the Elks would hit a big shot. The difference was shooting. The Elks were a better outside shooting team and they

hit some timely 12 to 15-foot shots," Coach Hofman said.

"The effort both offensively and defensively was outstanding and we showed a lot of toughness playing against a team that was very physical and allowed to play that way," Coach Hofman said. "The girls really improved their free throw shooting this game. It kept us in the game. We were 10 for 16 in the first half and 8 for 18 in the second half. This is still not real good, but it is improvement."

Grayling's leading scorers were: S. Miller, 9 points, 4 rebounds; Hamlin, 9 points, 10 rebounds; C. Money, 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals; R. Money, 4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; Kristen Todoroff, 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; H. Miller, 1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Wiseman, 5 rebounds.

The Vikings (4-13 overall) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Feb. 19.

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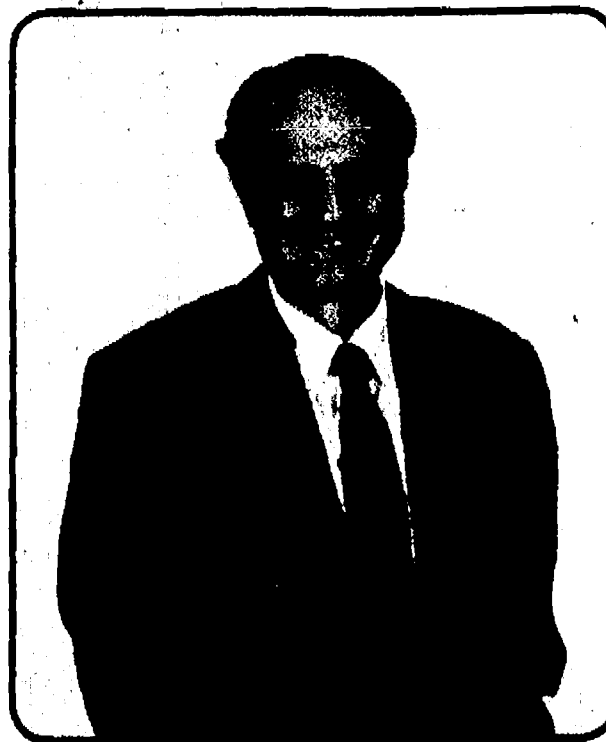
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Ramada II. .... 119  
Gray Rock. .... 99  
Ramada I. .... 62  
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## Legal Action

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 09-7540-DE  
Estate of DORIS LUCILLE LOWE, Date of birth: 07/12/1917

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Doris Lucille Lowe, who lived at 405 Madsen St., Grayling, Michigan died February 2, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Glenda G. Sampsel, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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710 Robinhood Lane  
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989-348-5254

## SYNOPSIS

### SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP February 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing Minutes Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman.  
Absent: None.  
Pledge of Allegiance. Public Comment: None.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, January Regular and Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for February, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Hearing regarding USDA grant for proposed Fire/EMS Command Vehicle opened at 7:05 p.m. The Chief explained what the grant will be used for, and how the Command Vehicle will help to provide better service to the residents

of South Branch Township and answered questions from those in attendance. The Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to adopt the Northright Agreement with recommended changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse, to approve the purchase of oxygen bottles and extinguishers at a cost of \$743.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George, to approve for payment the attorney invoice in the amount of \$965.90 Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by George, to accept for payment the invoice, in the amount of \$1,095.00 from BS&A Software for service and tech support for the year 2009. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to support the Crawford County Recycling Program at a cost of \$1,500.00, with the stipulation that the County respond to the questions and concerns expressed by the Township. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to sign off as the government entity in support of the River Clean-up Program Grant. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Kozlowski opened the Budget Public Hearing at 8:58 p.m. The Board reviewed the proposed 2009/2010 South Branch Township Budget.

The Public Hearing on the Budget closed at 9:42 p.m.

The floor was opened to Public comment.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, husband and wife to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was

assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$74,176.55) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 11, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248)844-5123 Our File No: 09-04718 -5-12-19-26

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen Jean Thomas f/k/a Kathleen Jean Schopp, husband and wife to Standard Federal Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2005 and recorded June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 42 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$76,693.24) including interest 3.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 18, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, of Ausable Country Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Commonly known as 1515 Lumberjack Ct, Grayling MI 49738  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

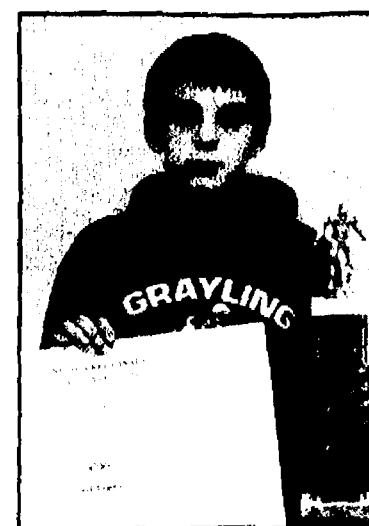
Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-04659 -12-19-26-5



Jonathan Martin  
1st place



Kyle Schmidt  
1st place



Zach Mack  
1st place

## Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

Eleven members of the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club placed in the top four at regionals, earning a spot in the upcoming state finals tournament.

The 2009 Northeast Michigan Wrestling Association's northern region tournament was held on Feb. 14 at Gladwin this year. The state finals will be held in Bay City on Feb. 21.

Grayling's state qualifiers included:

Jonathan Martin, 1st, weight class: 59, age group: 9-10 - "Jonathan wrestled well, beating both of his opponents by a large point margin to move on. Jonathan is looking to defend his state title from last year," Coach Larry Duvall said.

Michael Phipps, 3rd, weight class: 90, age group: 9-10 - "(Michael) won his first match and then lost two to take third. This is Michael's first regional, so to qualify is a tribute to his hard work," Coach Duvall said.

Zach Cheney, 4th, weight class: 90, age group: 11-12 - "Zach wrestled very well in a very tough weight bracket. Zach lost his first match in a close decision and then won his next to make it in the top four," Coach Duvall said.

Kyle Schmidt, 1st, weight class: 85, age group: 13-14 - "(Kyle) won both his matches to take first. Kyle has improved greatly this year and should be a contender for the state title," Coach Duvall said.

Ghayge Toomey, 4th, weight class: 80, age group: 11-12 - "Ghayge is a first year kid that is smart and very tough. He made it through regionals, taking fourth. He will have to wrestle hard to finish at states," Coach Duvall said.

Zach Mack, 1st, weight class: 95, age group: 13-14 - "(Zach) won both of his matches to capture his second regional title in a row. Zach is a dominant wrestler that has moved up two weight classes most of the year. Zach is also defending his state title from last year."

Devin Joseph, 1st, weight class: 90, age group: 9-10 - "(Devin) won his three matches to capture his regional title. This is Devin's first year at regionals and he was wrestling very good," Coach Duvall said.

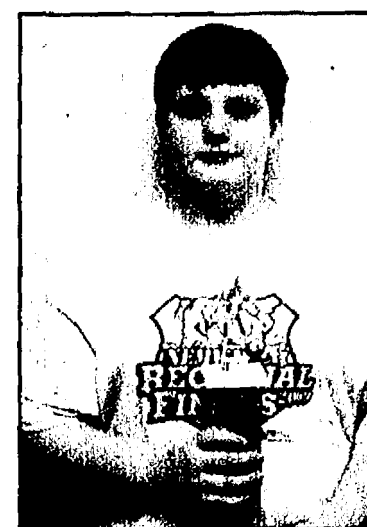
Zach Joseph, 2nd, weight class: super heavyweight, age group: 11-12 - "He wrestled well. Zach took second and will have to wrestle well at state to place that



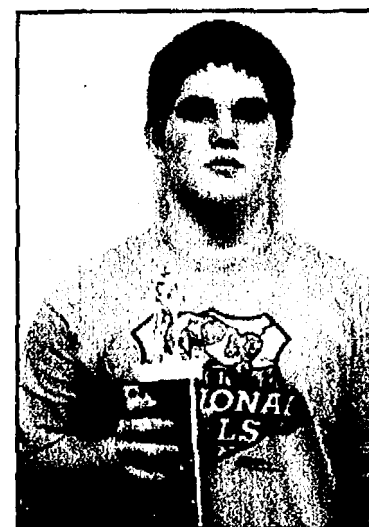
Devin Joseph  
1st place



Brandon Handrich  
1st place



Zach Joseph  
2nd place



Jeff Myers  
2nd place



Ty Jensen  
2nd place



Michael Phipps  
3rd place



Zach Cheney  
4th place



Ghayge Toomey  
4th place

well again."

Jeff Myers, 2nd, weight class: light heavyweight, age group: 13-14 - "Jeff lost his first match and then won his second match to take second place. For a second year wrestler he is doing very well," Coach Duvall said.

Ty Jensen, 2nd, weight class: 130, age group: 13-14 - "(Ty) lost his first match and won his second to take second place. Ty has some

stiff competition, but if he wrestles well he has a good chance to place at state," Coach Duvall said.

Brandon Handrich, 1st, weight class: 138, age group: 13-14 - "(Brandon) won both his matches to take first. If he wrestles smart at states, he should have a chance for the championship. Brandon has worked very hard all year to get to this point," Coach Duvall said.

## GMS Girls Basketball

**7th grade** - The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 11-8 on Monday.

"Grayling played its usual tough defense, holding Kalkaska to only four first half points and eight for the game. Top defenders were Emily Leslie, Meagan Malm, Cierra Prosser,

Jankowski, and Tara Pummell. We put a lot of pressure on the ball and set good traps. When we played man to man defense, we moved our feet well and played good help defense," Coach Doug Pummell said. "Offense was a struggle while only scoring two first half points. Kalkaska played pretty good defense,

but we did not move the ball real well to get open shots."

"Meagan Malm played great the last two minutes of the game, with hitting a shot late in the game and being in the right spots defensively and playing aggressively. Victoria Doster also hit an important free throw late in the game," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Malm (4), Doster (3), Prosser (2), Colbie Wakely (2).

The Vikings will finish their 2009 season with home games next week. Grayling will host Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Monday, Feb. 23, and Kalkaska on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Games start at 5 p.m.

## Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

**Organizational Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 1:00 P.M.

**To Hear Taxpayer Petitions:** Monday, March 9, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2009.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2009 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor  
5245 M-18  
P.O. Box 606  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989)275-8232.

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# Notice

## City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

**Organizational Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM.

**To Hear Taxpayer Petitions:** Monday, March 16th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Wednesday, March 18th, 2:00 to 5:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2009, are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Tentative Ratio</u>	<u>Factor</u>
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

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The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor  
1020 City Blvd.  
P.O. Box 549  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor



Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by D & K Investments of Grayling, L.L.C., a Michigan Limited Liability Company, of 2373 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, P.O. Box 665, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to The CITY OF GRAYLING, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, of P.O. Box 547, Grayling, Michigan 49738, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, in Liber 618, Pages 161-163, which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, for principal and interest the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 58/100 (\$162,212.58) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or such much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan:

PARCEL 5: Part of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter and part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the South one-quarter corner of said Section 17; thence North 01° 37' 52" East along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 2258.48 feet; thence South 89° 26' 34" West, 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 89° 26' 34" West, 1374.73 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Highway I-75; thence along said Easterly right-of-way, 998.49 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 5614.58 feet, delta

angle of 10° 11' 22" and chord bearing North 22° 11' 01" East, 997.18 feet; thence North 27° 19' 20" East, along said Easterly right-of-way, 299.09 feet to Southwesterly Rail Road right-of-way, thence South 45° 54' 55" E, along said Southwesterly right-of-way, 1211.66 feet; thence South 01° 37' 52" West, parallel with the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 332.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of utilities the centerline of which is described as commencing at the South one-quarter corner of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 01° 37' 52" East, along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 2258.48 to the Point of Beginning of the centerline of said 66 foot wide easement; thence South 89° 26' 34" West, along said centerline, 233.00 feet to the Point of Ending of said easement centerline.

EXPECTING THOSE UNITS DESCRIBED AS: Unit 1, of D & K Condominiums, Phase I, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 629, Pages 106-147, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 12, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 2, 21, 22, 23 and 25, of D & K Condominiums, Phase II, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 643, Pages 279-321, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 13, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 37, 38, 39, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52, of D & K Condominiums, Phase III, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 672, Page 951, as instrument No. R0007271, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 15, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of

1978, as amended. AND Units 67 and 68, of D & K Condominiums, Phase IV, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 676, Page 130, being Reception No. R0010446, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 17, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 3 February 2009

Gerard F. Brabant P31123 Attorney For Mortgagee 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35 Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 275-4365

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd A. Gabriel and Kary J. Gabriel, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 28, 2006, and recorded on February 13, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 825, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2006-SD3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD3 as assignee, as documented by, an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$333,364.88), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in

Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 28 North, Range 4 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #236734F02

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Autumn L. Holmes, a married woman and Kenneth D. Vanevery, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on July 27, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 593, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two And 95/100 Dollars (\$102,422.95), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Manistee Heights, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in liber 2 of plats, page 20, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #244579F01 -12-19-26-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bernard Irwin, married and Alice Irwin, married, joint tenants w/rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Tranex Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 5, 1997, and recorded on June 10, 1997 in Liber 431 on Page 373, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Extra Credit Union as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three And 97/100 Dollars (\$37,143.97), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 11, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line, 2083.10 feet for a point of beginning, thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 270.0 feet, thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East 20.6 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West 15.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 933.67 feet; thence North 0 degrees 31 seconds East along the 1/8 line, 109.9 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 seconds East 1303.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line 115.5 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 5, 2009 For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #242277F01

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael B. Ritter, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 28, 2002, and recorded on July 11, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 1, in Crawford county records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five And 91/100 Dollars (\$54,335.91), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point which is North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 277.22 feet and North 0 degrees 54 minutes East, 33.07 feet from the East 1/8 corner common to Sections 6 and 7, Town 26 North, range 3 West, and running thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 195 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 60.13 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 195 feet; thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes West 60.13 feet to the point of beginning. Being a Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #241585F01

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen J. Thomas (aka Kathleen Schopp, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002, and recorded on May 21, 2002 in Liber 582 on Page 282, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$33,824.88); including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, Ausable Country Acres, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed, thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being, known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #241925F01

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 2, 2009 at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2009 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	49.76	1.0048
Commercial	50.84	0.9835
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.58	0.9885

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following.

Brian Ashton, Supervisor  
Beaver Creek Township  
8888 S. Grayling Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 275-8878

Brian Ashton  
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 3, 2009 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;  
Mon., March 9, 2009 9am - noon  
1pm - 4pm  
  
Thurs., March 12, 2009 1pm - 4pm  
6pm - 9pm

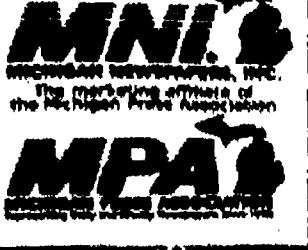
All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

TENTATIVE		
CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Mark D. Kniss Supervisor Maple Forest Township		

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# Legal Action

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcus D. Weaver, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2008, and recorded on February 15, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 292, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$63,834.70), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 72.5 feet of Lot 18 and the West 20 feet of Lot 19, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009  
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #245835F01

-12-19-26-5

## MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAY E. BOWERS, SINGLE and CAROLYN K. BOHN, AS JOINT TENANTS FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for

lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2003, and recorded on March 4, 2004, in Liber 666, on Page 671, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Five Cents (\$65,035.05), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL 9; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE 1323.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 8 LINE 927.35 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 335.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST 1339.3 FEET THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 1429.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE EAST 1 / 2 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING 33.0 FEET EITHER SIDE, OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALMOST SECTION LINE 1391.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES EAST ALONG 1 / 3 LINE 1920.2 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-72, THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 82.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 195.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES EAST 705.1 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREE 00 MINUTES EAST 360.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 280.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST 709.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 90 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST 505.3 FEET IN THE POINT OF ENDING SAID EASEMENTS TO BE USED IN COMMON BY THE PARTIES HERETO, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CLB 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075  
-19-26-5-12

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BARBARA A. SELESKY and MARJORIE P. WALL, AS JOINT TENANTS AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004, and recorded on August 23, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 124, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$176,033.36), including interest at 10.400% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN: COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1 / 4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1 / 4 LINE) 563.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 1323.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES EAST, 171.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST, 135 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 200.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES

25 MINUTES EAST, 225.2 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CHICKSAW TRAIL; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST (ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY), 202.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST, 135.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCEL EXTENDS TO THE WATERS EDGE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in

accordance with 1948CLB 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2009  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 9th, 2009, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 12th from 6 pm-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 14th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.


CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk  
MBOR/pak

## 2009 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
<b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	120,600	121,181	49.76	1.0048
201 Commercial	3,933,800	3,868,804	50.84	0.9835
301 Industrial	13,818,200	13,818,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	69,090,950	68,298,685	50.58	0.9885
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	86,963,550	86,106,870		
TOTAL PERSONAL	22,751,700	22,751,363	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	109,715,250	108,858,233		
<b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,432,900	2,187,466	55.61	0.8991
301 Industrial	460,400	454,940	50.60	0.9881
401 Residential	71,678,100	69,861,696	51.30	0.9747
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,647,200	1,692,213	48.67	1.0273
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	76,218,600	74,196,315		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,557,400	6,557,800	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	82,776,000	80,754,115		
<b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	10,592,500	10,518,868	50.35	0.9930
301 Industrial	14,017,200	13,979,297	50.14	0.9972
401 Residential	234,459,700	235,637,889	49.75	1.0050
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	259,069,400	260,136,054		
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,109,600	7,109,313	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	266,179,000	267,245,367		
<b>LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,341,000	2,344,751	49.92	1.0016
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	69,093,300	71,626,521	48.23	1.0367
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	71,434,300	73,971,272		
TOTAL PERSONAL	4,466,400	4,466,358	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	75,900,700	78,437,630		
<b>MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	1,063,200	1,087,784	48.87	1.0231
301 Industrial	1,576,500	1,471,989	53.55	0.9337
401 Residential	27,741,500	27,017,433	51.34	0.9739
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	30,381,200	29,577,208		
TOTAL PERSONAL	2,960,280	2,960,280	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	33,341,480	32,537,486		
<b>SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	4,123,400	3,984,731	51.74	0.9664
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	118,497,200	119,725,342	49.49	1.0103
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	1,012,200	1,020,568	49.59	1.0083
TOTAL REAL	123,632,800	124,730,641		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,716,100	3,716,327	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	127,348,900	128,446,968		
<b>CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	35,114,800	35,255,823	49.80	1.0040
301 Industrial	7,101,800	7,170,638	49.52	1.0097
401 Residential	22,257,300	22,555,026	49.34	1.0134
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	64,473,900	64,981,487		
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,310,800	7,310,800	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	71,784,500	72,292,087		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department



**"I GOT MY OWN SEAT!"**

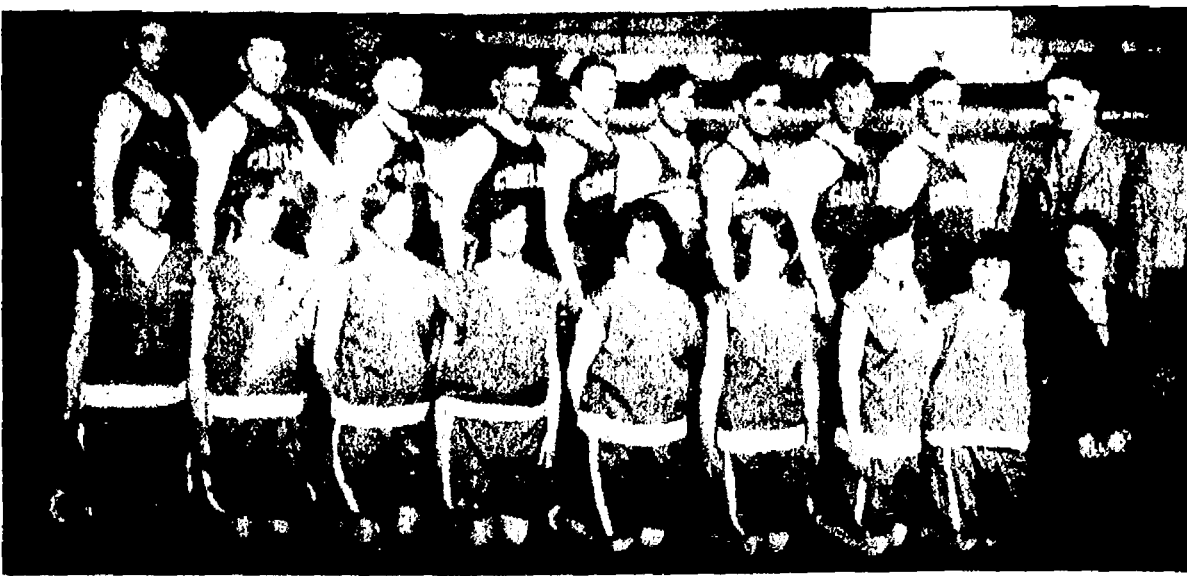
Marty's owners just found the perfect car and it was so easy. They simply picked up their newspaper, browsed through the Classifieds and there it was: the sporty convertible they had always wanted. Now Marty can stretch out in the back seat and watch the world fly by.

**Crawford County Avalanche**  
Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

# Features

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## A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**February 21, 1963** - Pictured above are the boys and girls basketball teams at Grayling High School for the year 1928. In the bottom row are (from left to right) Margaret Warren, Lillian Swanson, Elizabeth Swanson, Evelyn Johnson, Ruth Chamberlain, Captain Mary E. Schumann, Elizabeth Matson, Boots LaMotte and coach Miss Grace Hood. In the back row are (from left to right) Carl Speck, Francis Brady, Paul Hendrickson, Charles Wylie, Captain Julian Smith, Kendall Stinchcomb, Henry LaGrow, Elmer Neal, Elmer Fenton and coach Devere Cushman.

### 23 Years Ago February 20, 1986

More than 150 people attended the Grayling Little League Baseball Clinic and most of the young players, parents or coaches received individual instruction from former Yankee great Tom Tresh, CMU head coach Dean Kreiner, Terry J. Lynch, Northwood head coach, Fred Wolcott GHS head baseball coach and others.

A proposal to change Camp Shawono to a medium security training center and regional maximum security holding center for juveniles could add another 20-25 jobs to the camp. The proposed change with extra jobs could bump the annual payroll at the camp an additional \$800,000 above the

current level. There are 23 employees working at Camp Shawono currently.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a motion 4-1 banning smoking during their meetings. The ban started Feb. 13.

Five Grayling High School wrestlers advanced to regional competition by winning medals in district action last Saturday. Robert Johnson and Ward Jones both won district titles. Fred Fisher, Mark Lowe and Buck Monforton also advanced to regionals.

Skiing in the Harbor Springs - Petoskey Invitational, the Viking skiers won four medals in the girls' competition and two in the boys. Top skiers for the Vikings were dual

medal winners Julie Huss and Cari Longworth.

### 46 Years Ago February 21, 1963

The Grayling Upholstery and Mattress factory, owned and operated by Ray Stephan, is now located in the Jansen Plumbing building in the Upstate Shopping Center.

Jack Mason, Jr., an eighth grader at St. Mary's, Mark Anderson, a GHS junior, along with their coach Hugo Bohm, are scheduled to leave this week for the Central United States Ski Association Divisional Meet to be held in Lutsen, Minn. The two boys were selected a week ago at Nubs Nob and are part of a group

of 56 boys and girls who will represent Region III.

Seven Grayling business people began a 14 week course developed by Dale Carnegie. Those from Grayling enrolled in the course are Larry LaGrow, Charles Kroll, Gerald Burns, Mrs. Lillian Houghton, Gerald McEvers, Arnold Mauren and Robert Hayes.

### 69 Years Ago February 22, 1940

The Hanson Cafe basketball team defeated the Boyne City team at Boyne City in a good game. The score was 41-39. Marshall was the high scorer for the game, making 14 points.

The Grayling Flying Club members have been taking advantage of the moonlit nights and have been getting in some night flying.

The Crawford County Sportsman's Club distributed alfalfa to the deer feeding at Lake Margrethe and School Section Lake.

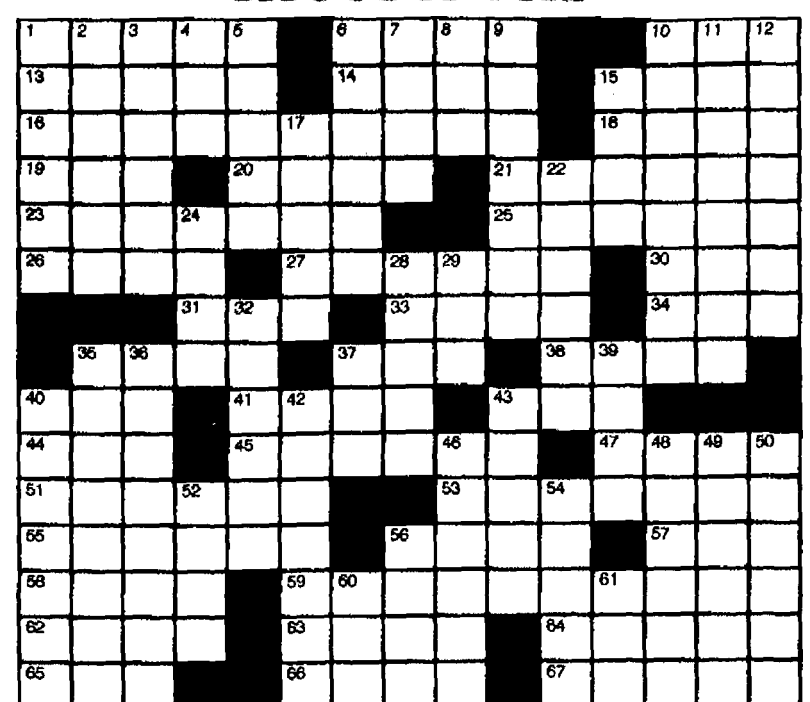
Alex Kochanowski resigned his position at the city library and Howard Neal is the new librarian.

### 92 Years Ago February 22, 1917

For some time now Sheriff Cody has been anxious to appoint a deputy at T-Town and finally settled on T. Hanson. He is now a full-fledged officer.

Lorane Sparkes, who has been spending a couple of months in Chicago taking a commercial course, has accepted a position in the Salling, Hanson Company office.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

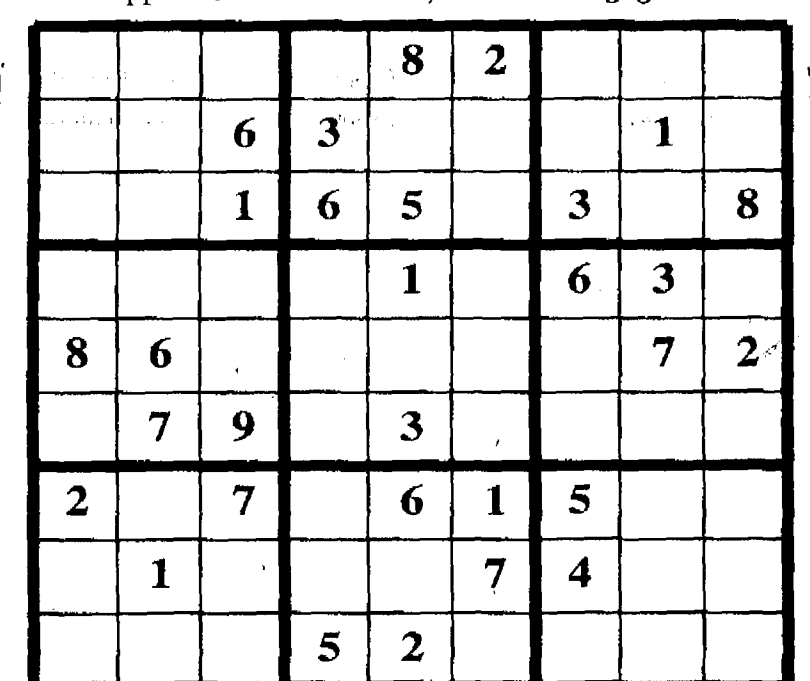
1. Shrewd
6. Pluck
10. Fluorocarbon with chlorine
13. Obsolete name for nitrogen
14. 100 cents
15. "Beat it!"
16. Weird Al Yankovic album
18. Make, as money
19. Antiquity, in antiquity
20. Bunch
21. Where has
23. Come in again
25. Salt or ester of hydriodic acid
26. Dress worn primarily by Hindu women
27. Embraces
30. "My boy"
31. Census datum
33. Thai currency
34. Bon
35. Beach item
37. "What's \_\_\_?"
38. Final, e.g.
40. Head, for short
41. Egyptian fertility goddess
43. "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"
44. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
45. Dignified and sombre
47. \_\_\_ of the Apostles
51. Last imperial dynasty of China
53. Not commonly encountered
55. Having gears engaged
56. Bowl over
57. Biology class abbr.
58. Short or waste piece or knot of wool separated from the longer staple by combing
59. Large tank where solid matter is disintegrated by bacteria
62. "\_\_\_ it the truth!"
63. Sundae topper, perhaps
64. Cliffside dwelling
65. Dust remover
66. Stodge
67. Hammer parts

### Down

1. Heavy wooden poles tossed as a test of strength
2. Flowering shrub
3. Drowsy person
4. \_\_\_ power
5. Bakery supply
6. Actor Depardieu
7. European freshwater fish resembling the roach
8. Bank offering, for short
9. Have in view
10. Personal magnetism
11. Doom beforehand
12. Permission
15. Lentil, e.g.
17. Mountaineer's tool
22. Lodge
24. Not yet final, at law
28. Corpulent
29. Handle clumsily
32. Biblical prophet
35. Psychological disorder characterized by delusions of persecution or grandeur
36. Retaliating
37. Bubkes
39. Dec. holiday
40. Layered
42. Large spiny tropical fruit with tart pulp
43. Boredom
46. Goat meat
48. Arrow poison
49. Complex phenolic substances of plant origins
50. Quenches
52. Member of a European people who once occupied Britain, Spain and Gaul prior to Roman time
54. Open, as a bottle
56. Gush
60. Victorian, for one
61. Athletic supporter?

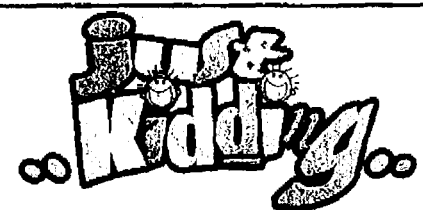
## SUDOKU

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(PUZZLE #34 Easy, Difficulty Rating 0.44)  
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 19, 2009

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22 - January 19

All eyes are on you this week, Capricorn, and you will rise to the occasion. Take the family out to celebrate. A financial error is rectified quickly.

**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19

That pesky health issue rears its ugly head again. Use all of the resources at your disposal to squelch it once and for all, Aries. Wisdom comes from an unlikely source.

**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22

Nothing can be farther from the truth, however, that is not for you to say. Cancer. Stay mum and let the real source of the problem reveal itself.

**LIBRA**  
September 23 - October 22

Chop-chop, Libra. Time's a-wastin' on an auto repair. Fix it yourself or seek the help of another before travel plans come to a screeching halt. A friend's new attitude is welcoming.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20 - February 18

Grace under pressure describes you to a T, Aquarius, and this week, you will not disappoint. You will tackle every obstacle that comes your way with decorum.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20

Haste makes waste, Taurus. Keep that in mind with a new assignment. Do your homework and proceed with caution. A belief comes under fire.

**LEO**  
July 23 - August 22

Actions speak louder than words, Leo. Do what you know is right, and everything will turn out fine. A letter clears up a mystery and affirms your instincts.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23 - November 21

Reason escapes you this week, Scorpio, and you may say some things you wish you hadn't. Wait for the air to clear before making amends. A friend needs you.

**PISCES**  
February 19 - March 20

Shoot, Pisces. You make a mental note to take care of something, and then you go off and forget about it. Hurry and make amends while you still can.

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21

Everything is not as bad it seems. Settle down, Gemini, take a step back and study the situation. There is a silver lining, and it might just be under your nose.

**VIRGO**  
August 23 - September 22

That wild and crazy friend makes one too many mistakes. Race to the rescue, Virgo. Only you can help them. A torrid love affair at work comes to an abrupt end.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22 - December 21

Silly pranks at work set the stage for a fabulous week, Sagittarius. Join in the fun. Your home turns into a three-ring circus with the arrival of guests.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

## ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

**Mallory, Sparkle & Fitzpatrick**

The shelter has several great cats looking for loving new homes. Mallory visited the shelter recently and made friends with some of our kitties. She says that you should adopt her pals Sparkle or Fitzpatrick because they are "cute and cuddly and need a home." There are many outstanding animals of the shelter just waiting for families.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter  
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling  
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
For more pets or more information, visit our web site [www.ausc.petfinder.com](http://www.ausc.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

**Last Week**

Date	H	L	Snow inches
2/10	38	14	0
2/11	54	38	0
2/12	44	33	0
2/13	34	27	.25
2/14	27	20	0
2/15	28	3	1.5
2/16	25	0	0

**Extended Forecast**  
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 20	High 23	High 23	High 22	High 26	High 29
Low 12	Low 13	Low 9	Low 14	Low 20	Low 21
Snow Showers/Wind	Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### CHICKEN NACHO BAKE

**Ingredients:**

4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)	1/4 cup sour cream
1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa	1/2 cup crushed tortilla chips
	1/2 cup finely shredded cheese

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 400°F. Place chicken on foil-covered baking sheet. Slice three cuts on top of each chicken breast with sharp knife. Top each chicken breast evenly with salsa, sour cream and tortilla chips. Bake 20 min. Remove from oven; sprinkle with cheese. Bake an additional 10 min. or until chicken is cooked through (165°F).

Prep Time: 10 min Total Time: 40 min  
Makes: 4 servings

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

Start Here

## MAZE

Find the black crayon.



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## 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

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## 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES** 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

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## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

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**RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS** 420 Hannah and 239-249 Ballenger Street in Roscommon is updating the waiting list for one, two, three and four bedroom units. Rent is based on income with some rent subsidy. Barrier free units in building. Applications on site or call Beverly at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd. 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. Hearing TDD 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-5/2)

**NICE CLEAN** 2 bedroom duplex, totally remodeled. Laundry hookup, storage, lawn care and snowplowing. No smoking, \$495. 700A Smith and 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (1/8/09tf/2)

**Grayling Pines Apartments** is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

**BIG HOUSE** Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.quality-homerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

**HOME FOR RENT** 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

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**FOR RENT** 1 bedroom efficiency apartment, located in town. \$500 per month, utilities included. To apply call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-12-19/2)

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## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

**BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED** Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$450 plus security and utilities. 348-5230. (-5-12-19-26/2)

**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom apartment located in town. \$550 per month. To apply call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-12-19/2)

## 3. Employment

**DENTAL ASSISTANT** No experience necessary. Great attitude a must. Excellent pay and benefits. Call 989-821-9458. (-19-26/3)

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS** Positions open. Eight and 12 hour shifts. Apply at: Grayling Nursing and Rehab, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738. (-19-26/3)

## 3. Employment

**SEEKING PART-TIME SECRETARY** to perform basic secretarial duties such as filing, accounting skills, answering phones and other clerical duties. Candidates must possess customer and computer skills and the ability to multitask. Please send resume to RE/MAX of Grayling, P.O. Box 550, Grayling, MI 49738. (2/12/09tf/3)

**POSITION OPENING** The Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group (NMLETG), an Urban Cooperative entity located at Camp Grayling, is seeking a qualified person to serve as Assistant Training Coordinator of the organization's services and programs. Individuals interested in this position should begin the hiring process by electronically sending a resume along with a cover letter summarizing your education and work experience to Sheriff Gary Finstrom at the address below no later than March 2, 2009. Not all interested individuals will be contacted for an interview. E-mail: gfinstrom@wexfordcounty.org. (-12-19-26/3)

## 3. Employment

**MCDONALD'S** Now hiring crew and management. Professional, dependable, smiling faces that are committed to customer service. No phone calls, please apply within, ask for Chris. (-12-19-26/3)

**HELP WANTED** Holiday Inn Express & Comfort Suites. Front Desk, assistant managers and managers. Two years experience is a must. Send resume to: resort11@gmail.com or fax, 847-469-8634. (-12-19/3)

**FREDERIC TOWNSHIP** Fire & EMS is holding an Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT) training academy starting in March 2009. Come join our team. We are a dynamic 911 EMS provider, built on a solid foundation to continuously provide outstanding pre-hospital emergency medicine to the communities we serve. Further information can be obtained at the Frederic Township Fire Department, 6547 Frederic Street, Frederic, MI 49733, 989-348-8190. (-19-26-5/3)

**FREDERIC TOWNSHIP** Fire & EMS is looking to hire EMT's and/or Firefighters to join our team. Applicants must have a valid State of Michigan EMS license and/or Firefighters Training Council Firefighter 1 and/or 2 certificates and a valid State of Michigan driver's license. Other credentials may be required for some license levels. Interested persons may call 989-348-8190 for more information. Applications can be picked up at the Fire Department Hall at 6547 Frederic Street, Frederic, MI 49733. (-19-26-5/3)

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**LOVE A GRACIOUS SETTING?** 3 bedroom, 2 bath offers 1,568 sq. ft. of quality living space. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, natural stone fireplace in living room, master suite offers Jacuzzi tub, separate shower with 2 seats, double vanity and 2 walk-in closets. 5 acres adjoining state land. Snowmobile trails close by. Attached 2 1/2 car heated and finished garage. MOVE IN CONDITION! CS-2785 \$92,000

**BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS** Secluded 10 acres of beautiful hardwoods adjoins state land. 2,112 s.f. home with three bedrooms, one bath, and Jacuzzi room. Large master bedroom suite with doorwall onto balcony. Attached 24x48 garage featuring work shop with 220 electrical and large unfinished second level. Detached 16x16 and 6x8 dog kennel. CH-2781 \$99,900

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## 4. Services Offered

**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08t/4)

**SNOW & ICE REMOVAL.** Off roofs, snowplowing and entranceways cleared. 30 years experience. Call Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-12-19-26/4)

**SNOW REMOVAL.** Bear Lake area. Al's Outdoor Maintenance, 231-258-1245. (-19-26-5/4)

**PROFESSIONAL.** Roof clearing/snow and ice removal. We protect shingles, pipes and exterior fixtures from damage during clearing. Call anytime 989-390-6172. (-12-19-26/4)

**INCOME TAX SERVICE.** Very reasonable rates and electronic filing at no extra charge. Always confidential. Call Marge, 989-821-5542. (LR4/9/09/4)

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**LICENSED DAY CARE** In town has full time openings. Monday through Friday. Call Jackie at 344-1578. (-12-19/4)

**FOR THE BEST SERVICE** on appliances, heating, cooling and refrigeration. Call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling 989-348-4252. (2/19/09t/4)

## 5. For Sale

**HARD MAPLE** \$55 per cord and up delivered. Please call 989-390-2155 anytime. (-5-12-19/5)

## 5. For Sale

**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak fire wood, \$60 face cord, immediate delivery. 989-390-3930, Marty. (-19-27-5/5)

**CABIN LOGS** rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR03/26/095)

**SNOWMOBILE FOR SALE** 2002 MXZ 600 Skidoo. Less than 4,000 miles, excellent condition. Asking \$2,500 OBO. 348-5817. (-19/5)

**J. DAP STARTS** Wednesday lunch time specials this Wednesday. Every Wednesday in February, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., J. Dap will have a super bargain price on one item only! But you have to stop in to see what it is! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-5-12-19/5)

**TWO 1995 ARCTIC CAT** Cougars 2,450 and 2,500 miles. Like new, excellent condition, must see to appreciate. Two place trailer. Original owners, \$2,600 takes all. 989-348-8998. (-12-19/5)

**SAVE UP TO \$2,000** On the purchase of a Central Boiler ECLASSIC 2300 and ThermoPex! Eliminate your heating bill. Limited time offer. Call today, 348-7484. (-19-26/5)

**94 SKIDOO** Formula Z 583. 1,150 miles, \$1,200 OBO. Call 989-274-9802, ask for Jason. (-19/5)

**CKC WIREHAIR FOX TERRIER** Five females, \$350. Dennis, 989-387-4256. (-19-26/5)

**GORGEOUS** Ladies 14kt. yellow gold bridal ring set. Total diamond weight is .71 carats. Center diamond weight is .55 carats with eight accenting diamonds. Paid \$3,400 asking \$2,200 or best offer. Please call 989-390-6045 if interested, or stop into Don's Accounting across from The Lone Pine Restaurant to view. (-19-26/5)

## 6. Wanted

**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak fire wood, \$60 face cord, immediate delivery. 989-390-3930, Marty. (-19-27-5/5)

**BUYING JUNK VEHICLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07t/6)

**BUYING SCRAP METAL.** All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08t/6)

## 8. Announcements

**SPRING THOUGHTS** Fly tying classes, February 26, 2009. Call 989-745-2480 for information. Trouts Choice, Mike Kulhawick. (-12-19-26-5/8)

**MIP** and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07t/8)

**PLANNING** To purchase a monument or grave marker? We have been advised that prices with our supplier will increase in March. Monuments and grave markers ordered by February will be at last year's price and most can be set in the cemetery before Memorial Day. Contact or visit Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for more details or assistance with designing a monument or grave marker. Terry Lockwood, 348-2951. (-12-19/8)

**WANTED**  
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Crawford County.  
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## 8. Announcements

**HALL FOR RENT** American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen, Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

**ATTENTION CLASSMATES OF 1989** Reunion scheduled for July 18th at Hanson Hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janetpclarke@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

## 9. Personals

**ADOPT** Loving, financially secure married couple hopes to adopt newborn. Some expenses paid. Please call Brian & Jaimie toll free 877-610-1802. (-19-26-5-12/9)

**HALL FOR RENT** with kitchen facility. Also, taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/9)

## 11. Automotive

**CAR DETAILING** Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07t/11)

**AUTO GLASS** repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05t/11)

## 9. Personals

**WISHING YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY CHARLIE**  
Charlie Fick is recovering from a serious heart attack. Updates on his recovery can be found on [fickandsons.com/charlie](http://fickandsons.com/charlie)  
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## 8. Announcements

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## 11. Automotive

**2003 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER LT** Extended 4x4, lock exterior/interior, three rows, seats seven, good condition. 109,000 miles. \$6,700, 989-390-2285. (-19-26/11)

**2002 DODGE DAKOTA** SLT 4 wheel drive, 6 cylinder. Asking \$4,600. For more information, call Ron, 989-390-4290. (2/12/09t/11)

**FOR SALE** 2005 Dodge Caravan SE stow and go, \$6,500, 989-348-7053. (-12-19/11)

## 11. Automotive

**THE CAR LOT** is always open in the Crawford County Avalanche Classifieds. Call the Avalanche at (989) 348-6811 to place your ad today.

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Unit Clerk - Full time positions available. Medical Terminology experience preferred.

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